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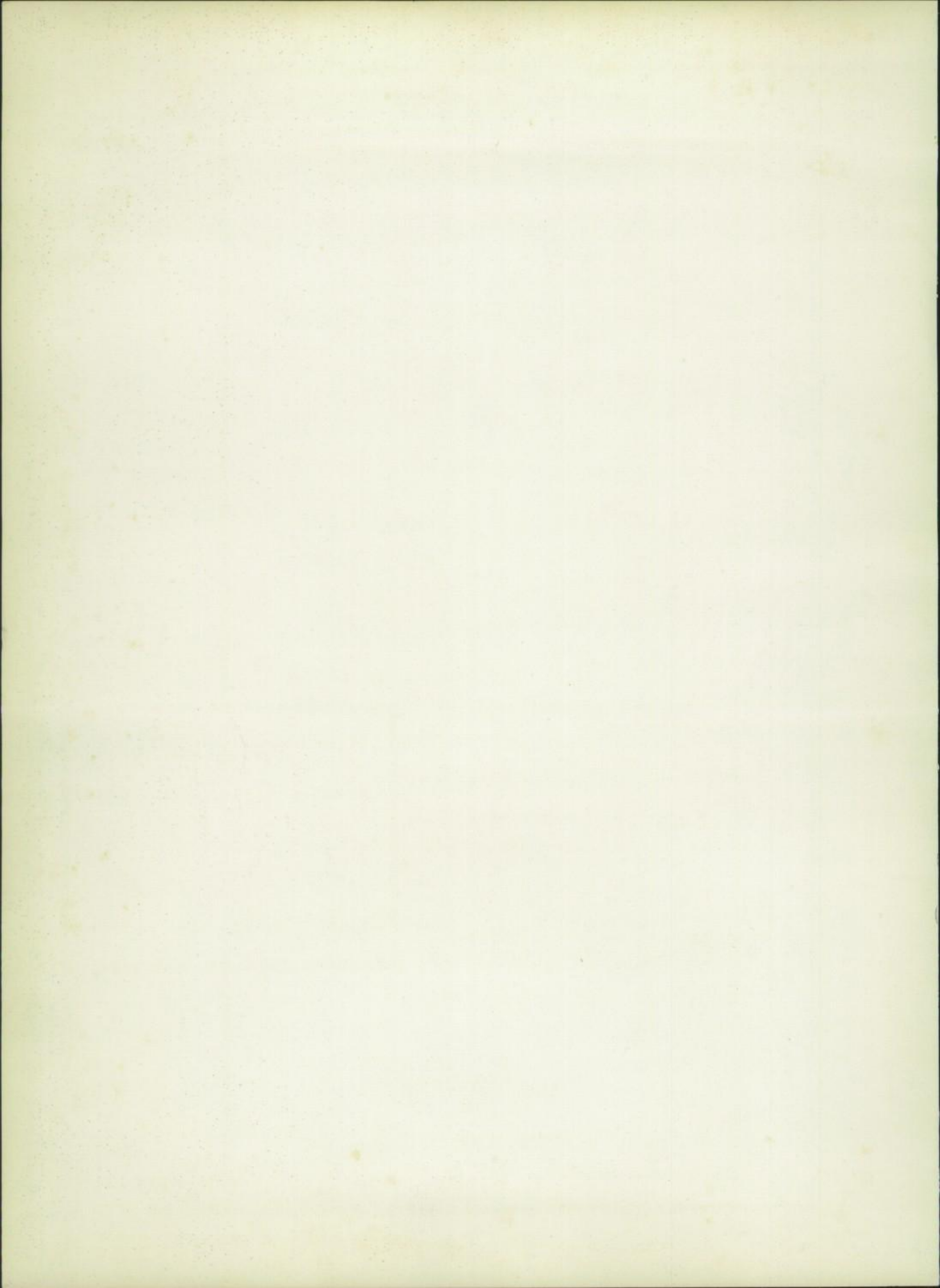


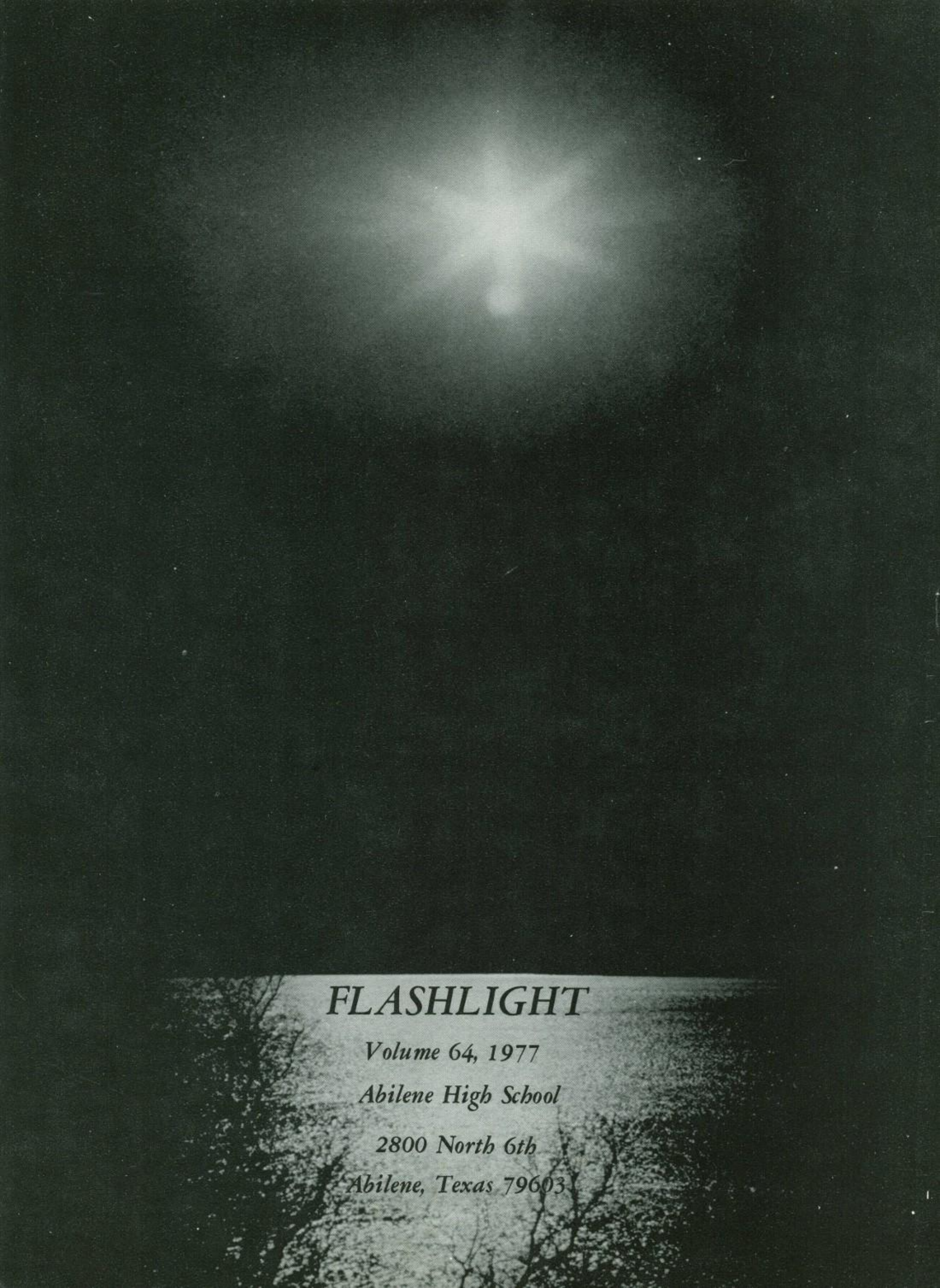
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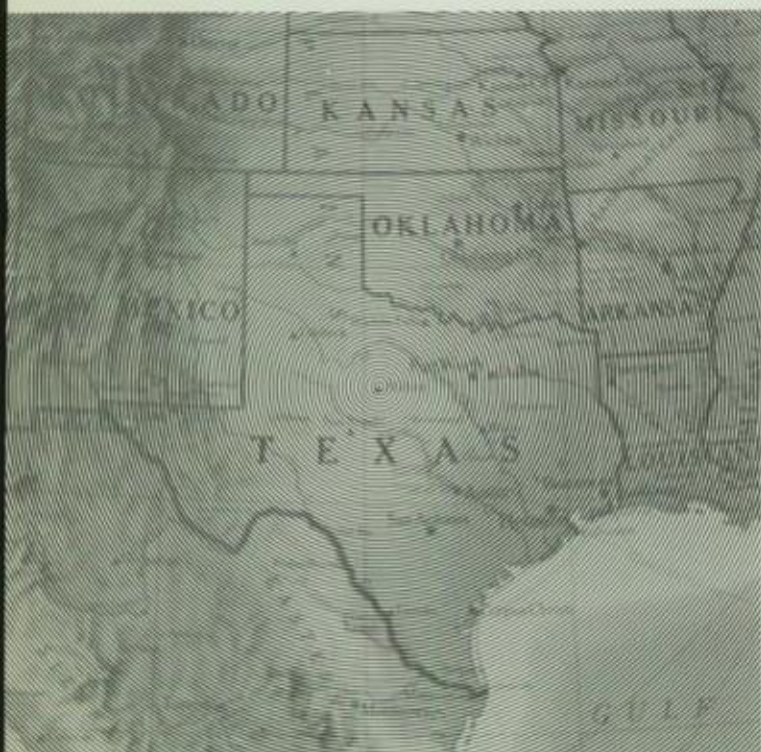
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'Do you care what's happening around you?'



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We were totally surrounded by a myriad of activity. Each and every day our individual worlds were influenced and engulfed in a sweeping tide of decisions and decrees. Our country was split over such vital issues as abortion, protection of the environment, foreign entanglements, the selection of a new president, and an imminent fuel shortage. These affected even our small section of West Texas in the form of high gas prices, new girls' sports programs, and many heated debates.

The need for answers screamed across the nation, and that scream diffused and faded into an echo felt even in the halls of AHS. Though it was constantly there, it was often lost amid the sounds of common-place life—the lectures of our teachers, the cheers for our teams, and the chatter of our friends.

We lived here in a tight cocoon of security and familiarity. The small circle of those we knew intimately formed boundaries almost insurpassable. The single point, the center of all circles, was self.

Yes, we cared what was happening around us, but broadness in our sphere of caring was realized when we found that our hopes, fears, doubts and dreams were and are shared by a thousand others. Our sphere expanded to encompass every facet of life.



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1. An all too familiar school hall is unusual only in its emptiness.
2. The money-guzzling, gas-miserly god of the four-wheeled world is the gasoline pump.
3. Abilene, Texas, the geographic center of West Texas is more importantly the center of our world.
4. A figure of informative repose. Jeff Berryman literally inhales current AHS news.
5. Although personality tends to be lost in any given crowd, individuality such as David Behrend's will find a vent for expression.
6. Absorbed in a beautiful day and the feeling of having some time alone together, Terry Townsend and Jeff Johnson enjoy a short break from locker-lined halls.

'Do your senses feel the changes when they come?'

The carefree days of our early youth were lost in a haze of sticky-candy summers and mitten-shaped winters. The cowboy hats have been changed for graduation caps; the Indians dance only in musty history books. The years have penciled in shaded remembrances and vague hopes and erased the childhood codes of life's game.

The choice of priorities this year became an ever-exasperating task. The days, hours, and moments whirled past leaving a confused tangle of appointments, schedules, and that demon homework. "Real life" loomed and lurked round the corner of every textbook.

Responsibility was always capitalized.

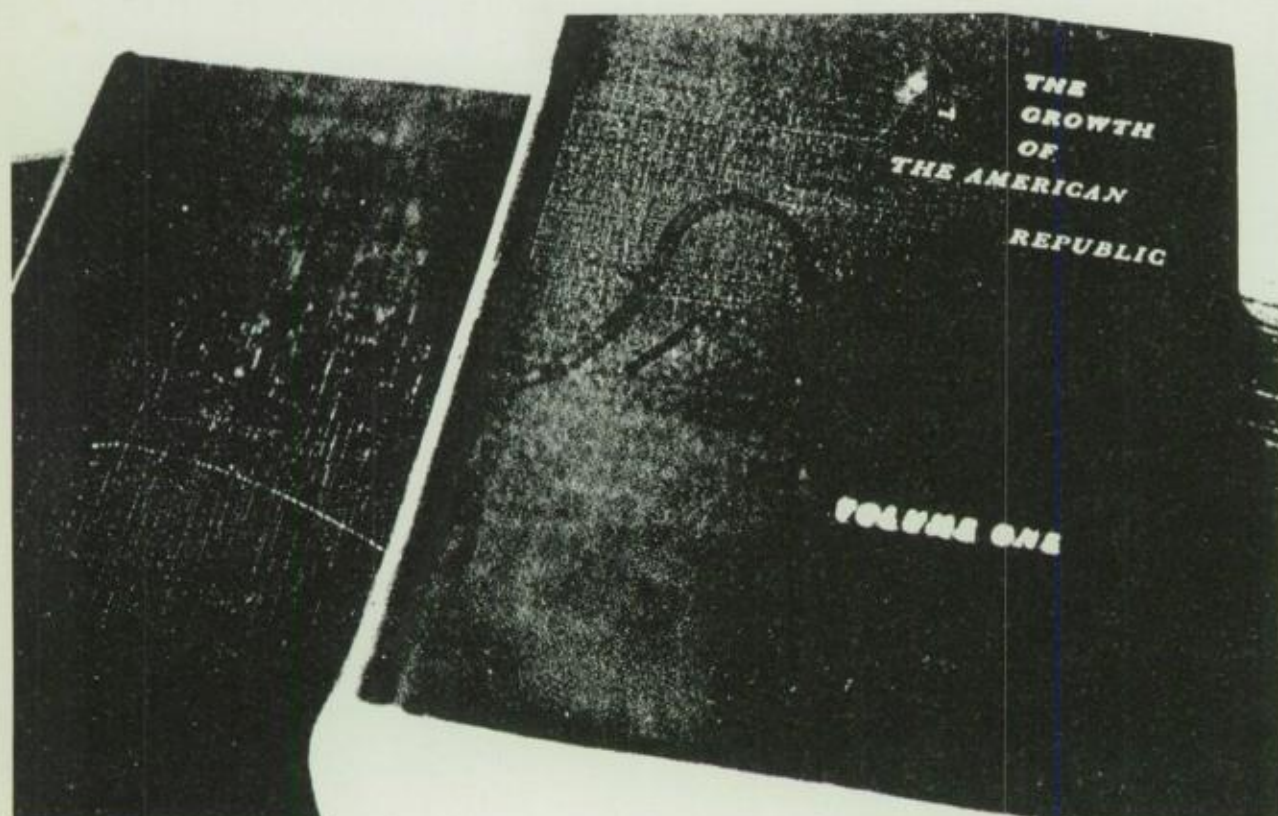
The change was not so sudden as to be evident at one moment of any day. Rather, this growing began the moment we cared and continued so long as we learned, dreamed, and were aware of our existence.



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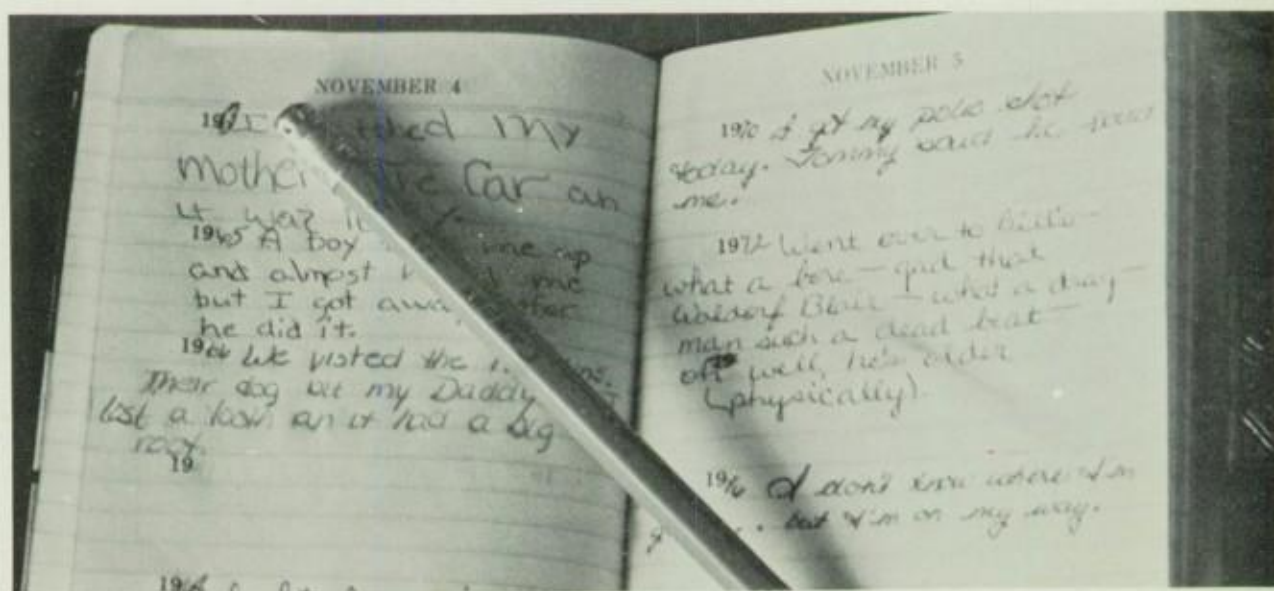


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1. Though often time seems to move at a drowsy pace, lingering and creeping in a belated manner, without warning a momentous occasion such as graduation marks its reckless passage.
2. The cap, diploma, and single rose—symbols of the end of twelve years of growth and change.
3. Stairsteps to an understanding of a complex world and its complicated people, textbooks are an ever-faithful fount of information.



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4. Ready to confront any foe but time, Terry Townsend poses an endearing memory of a charming age.
5. As responsibilities pile up, Larry Martin discovers that textbooks do, too.
6. Recorded forever in a growing child's diary are more than events and occasions, but rather underlying opinions, conceits, and the occasional brilliant glimpse of truth.
7. Waiting to be shaped by a profusion of metamorphoses, a tiny seedling begins the gradual change of development.

'Can you see yourself reflected in the seasons?'

As school began, we were caught up in mourning for the death of a friendly sun and a kindly wind. Like the changing colors of the drowsy trees, we turned to face a grey life of cold mornings, cold cars, and cold classrooms.

Then, suddenly the end of football season left an army of empty benches to guard a sleeping field. Books, basketball, and bright lights beckoned us indoors. Page upon page of thoughts, ideas and questions lent a somber air to an already heavy hush. The change was final; we had settled into winter with only a flimsy wrap of autumn to keep us comforted.

Sometime in late February we looked up from this immeasurably long quiet to find spring clinging to reluctant, tired branches. Eyes wondered; thoughts took long walks through wet windowpanes, leaving behind the tiresome books, books, books, . . . and that oh! wondrous time—summer—laughed in far nearness. The echo shook off the last chill, and the perennial student began yet another term. So it was as the astrologers predicted—we were as the seasons were. Personality IS like a string, tangled and knotted around and through the intricate tapestry of the seasons.



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1. A red-ripe berry serves as a brilliant flag for oncoming spring.
2. Thin, skeletal fingers of grey, cold trees reach for a warming drop of sparkling sunshine.
3. A kaleidoscope of color, the leaves are tie-dyed in early autumn.
4. Summer, as the ice cream on this cone, soon melts away.
5. A confusion of snow and leaves, the bench shows signs of a reluctant autumn and an eager winter.
6. Rows of solitary, forsaken benches give testimony to the bleak rule of winter.
7. Thoughts, as reflections and moods, change with the colors of the leaves and the length of the days, as Gene McKenzie realizes while pondering a quiet stream.



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*'Can you
understand
the need
to carry on?'*

*"Hold fast to dreams,
for if dreams die, life is a broken
winged bird that cannot fly."
—Langston Hughes*

*Yes, we were young; we knew
little. Life tricked and trapped
us at every turn. Today's hopes
were so easily yesterday's
dreams, because, yes, we change.*

*But we were young.
The older, the wiser, stood so
close to whisper gently of the
hurt to come. And yes, we knew.
Yet as surely as they did, we will
follow the tangled way and the
old, the wise. To us each mapped
turn will be unfamiliar, each
worn walkway strange. And yes,
we were and are afraid; our steps
are shaky. But we have within
each of us that which makes us
invincible—our dreams.*

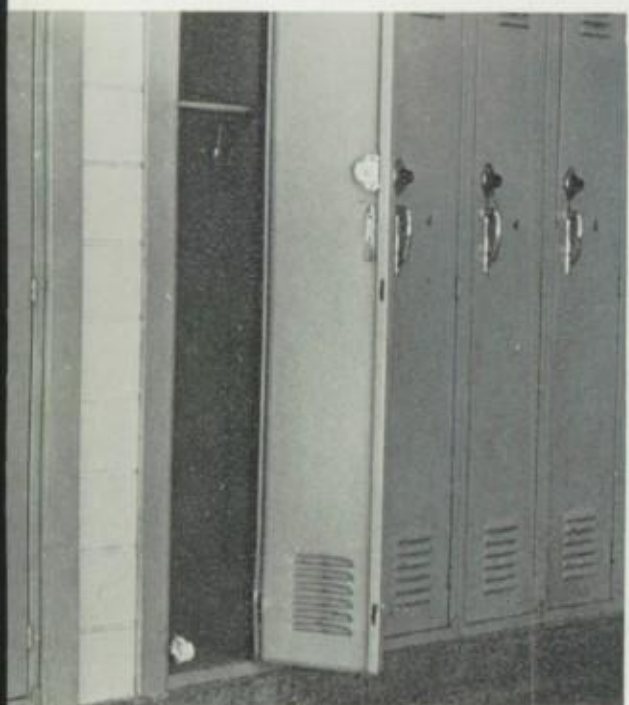
*Untried, unproved,
unchallenged, the beauty of
their clearness lights our way.*

*"Hold fast to dreams, for if
dreams go, life is a barren field
frozen with snow."
—Langston Hughes*





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1. Though wrinkled and weak, the old give the strength of experience to an undismayed, uncertain youth.
2. A twelve-year journey to the end of a narrow bridge only begins another, longer trek through a massive, magnificent world.
3. The slim shafts of a miniature make-believe sun create tiny creases in a blanket of dark.
4. The locker, a student's home away from combination, stands empty of one more yearly collection of memorabilia as one more pair of hands moves on.
5. Hidden by nature and time, this silent cherub serves as a serene reminder of the inevitable.
6. As fleeting as a thought, the preying hawk takes wing and carries on to a distant destiny.
7. A steadfast soldier armed only with the gentle power of patience stands a proud sentinel over a beaten foe.

1. Even in freezing weather students like Theresa Price can enjoy the rivalry of the Abilene High-Cooper game.
2. While Sing Song held activity and excitement for most people, Jeff Berryman finds a moment for concentration before his next act.



Do you care

We all care, though in separate degrees, and we all have different spheres of caring—like drops of water in a pool. The degrees of caring, like different circles, reach out to different points to touch and change our lives and the lives of others.

Everyone has something that he really cares about—something that really affects his life in some way or another, something that matters more to him than anything else. Each individual is different, special, distinctive. Each one cares for a thing that perhaps no one else cares for, in a different way, in a different amount.

Many people center their lives around themselves. Yet, others, though still concerned about themselves and their own well-being, care more for their friends, school, community, and world. These are the people who shine.



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around you?



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1. Skiing holds time for both a lunch break as well as hotdogging down the slopes for Glen Paul Owen, Randy Owen, Gene McKenzie, and Brad Faulkner.
2. Christmas lights shimmer with Christmas cheer and happiness.
3. Relaxation is what summer has to offer and Gene McKenzie, Darla Elam, and Theresu Hogg seem to be doing just that at an Honor Society retreat.
4. Accomplishing the art of weaving, Nelson Coates surveys the finished product of his latest piece of macrame.
5. As March winds whip down North 6th, David Vaughn tries his hand at kite flying.
6. While helping his family pick out their Christmas tree, David Behrends portrays the attitude of most Abilene High students getting out for the Christmas holidays.



Classless days offer students times out

Time-out from school and time for FUN! Spring break, teachers' work days, Christmas and Thanksgiving holidays, and summer all meant merriment and glee for students at Abilene High, but how the individual expressed himself during these times was another matter altogether.

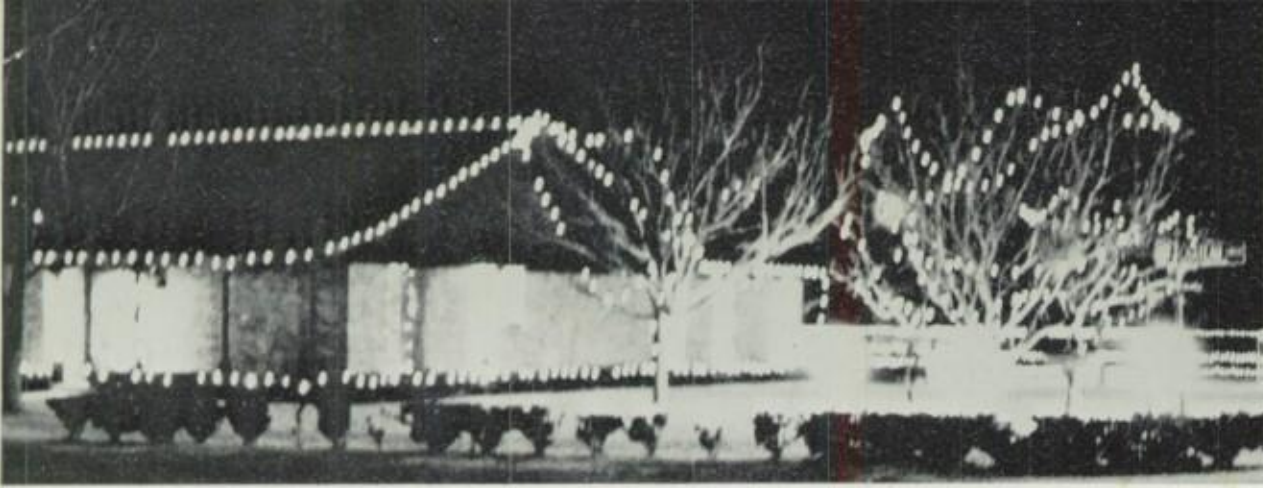
Christmas and Thanksgiving holidays were very special times that imprinted warm and pleasant memories in many minds. Snow, smiles, and songs reminded us of cordial and gratifying recollections of past holidays that shone out like the stars that filled the sky on wintery nights. Many found the time to stop and say a silent prayer thanking God for His gifts of memory and rest away from school.

Spring break was usually the time when catching up on all the sleep missed during school had top priority. Going skiing, flying that favorite kite, or partying, however, always seemed to conform to the schedule, too.

Though teachers' work days didn't come around very often, and the hard-working faculty still had to come to school, students had fun watching a long-missed soap opera or two, catching a wink of sleep, clowning around with friends, or working on hobbies.

Summer was a long-awaited time for all kinds of frolic and pleasantries—picnics and swimming, sun and humidity, love and laughter. People just let themselves go, forgetting about school and remembering how to enjoy themselves.

No matter what the season, folks at Abilene High found out and did what they most enjoyed.



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Grade fear rages

She waited a second, staring at the awful thing in her hand—the terrible thing that held in its control the power to enslave me or to set me free. Then, as though transfixed by some mysterious spell, she started towards me. Slowly, her hand rose till I could see it in her hand.

Then, she spoke!

"I think you could have done better.

That's why I gave you a C."

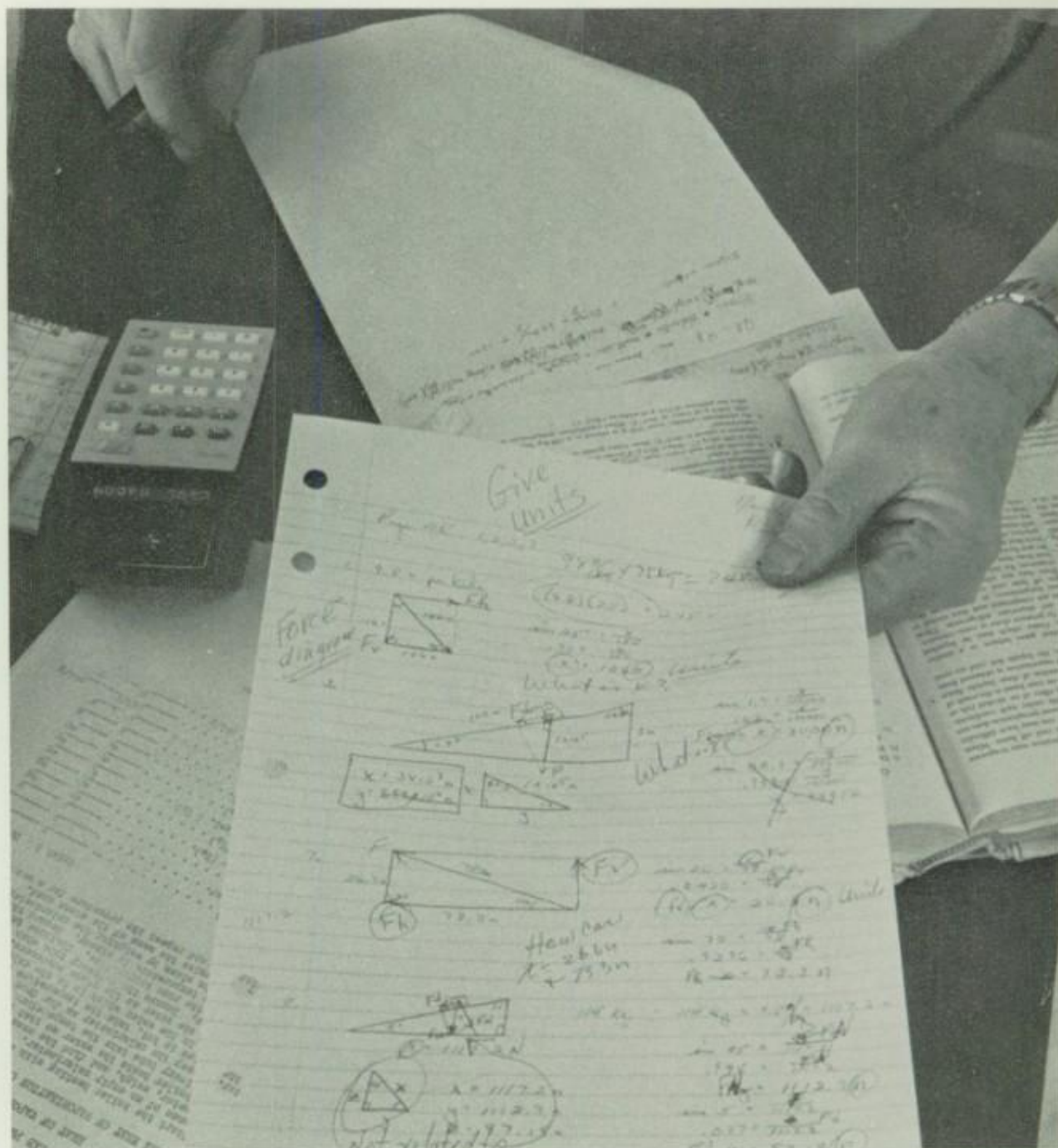
I panicked! A C! What would I do?

What would my parents think? What would they say? Would they exile me in my room without any TV? There was nothing I could do—nothing I could say to change the awful truth that had come to pass! Yes, this was the *Terror of the*

Grades...

This dilemma must be faced. This kind of disaster must be taken seriously. And, seriously, grades were one of the most talked about and controversial topics in school. Everyone discussed, laughed about, got flustered about, and wondered about their grades. Teachers whined and growled and generally worried about our grades, (whether we thought so or not), and tried to make us do our best.

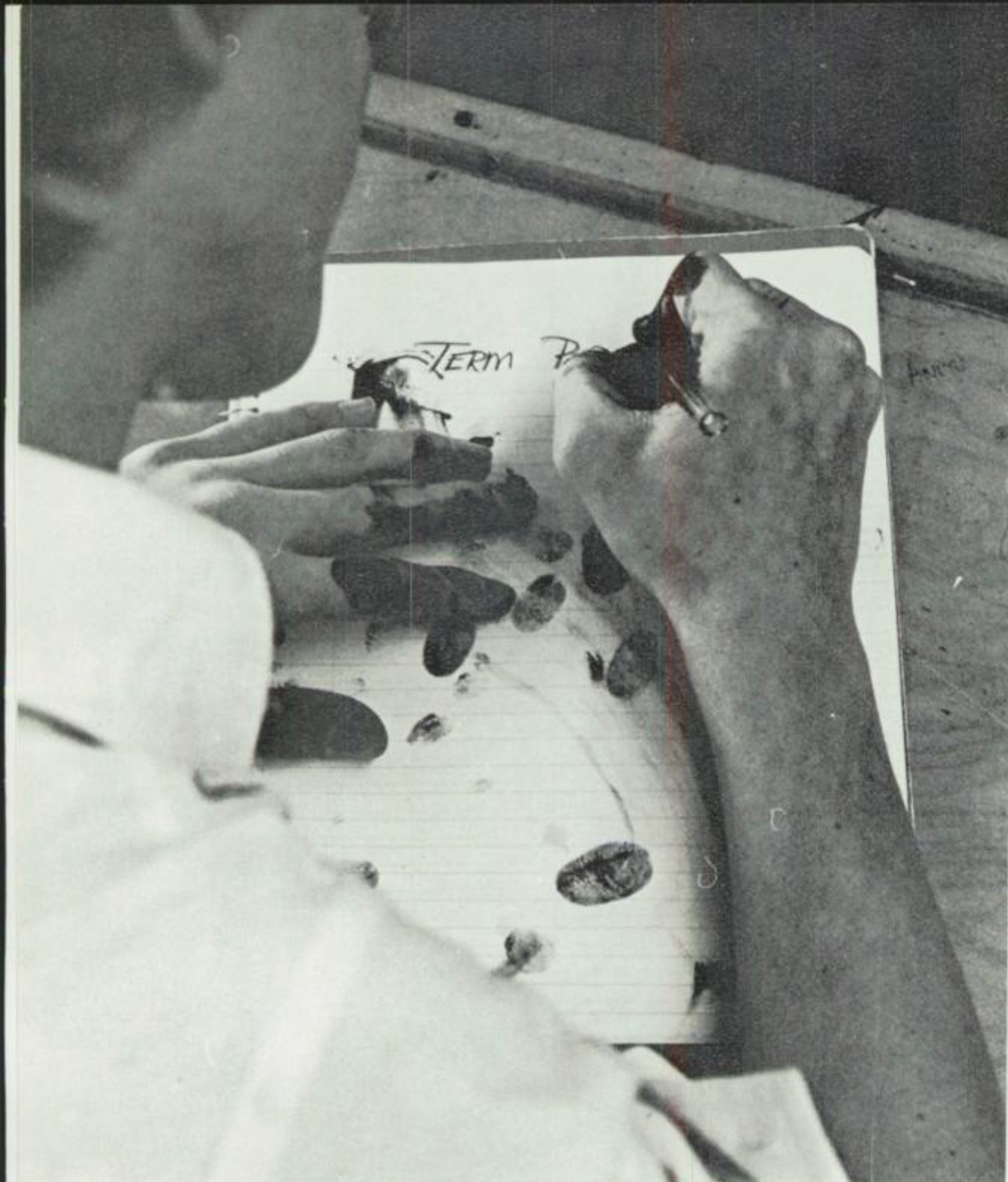
If graduating was a priority, grades *had* to matter!



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1. Students often find that their version of the teacher's assignment wasn't exactly right.
2. "Mrs. Deegan, can I go to the bathroom and wash my hands?" is probably the next question that Randy Story will ask.
3. Drive! Hurry!—These thoughts probably run through Bill Dawley's head as he works on his term paper and contemplates the inevitable grade.
4. Getting caught sliding down the bannister by Mr. McAlpin causes a look of great consternation on John Thompson's face.
5. Have you ever taken a drink at a second story water fountain? Tim Broyles finds out that it can be a "chilling" experience.



Students humbled by unsightly goofs

"Oh, my gosh!" he exclaimed. "I'm so embarrassed! I hope nobody saw that!"

Who was that, and what happened? Well, it was just another student who, like almost all of us at sometime or another, had just created something called a "student boo-boo." That's one of those things students did that they would much rather not have talked about—like falling down (or up) the stairs or turning on the water fountain expecting to get a nice trickle of water and instead getting a roaring, gushing torrent right in the old ear!

The only nice thing about it was that sometime, somewhere, someone else had done the exact, same, stupid thing.

Though most of the time we usually carried on the school day without making too many mistakes, it seemed that we always messed up somewhere. Sometimes people laughed at us, and sometimes we laughed at others. The real challenge and goal for all of us, however, was to be able to look and laugh at ourselves.

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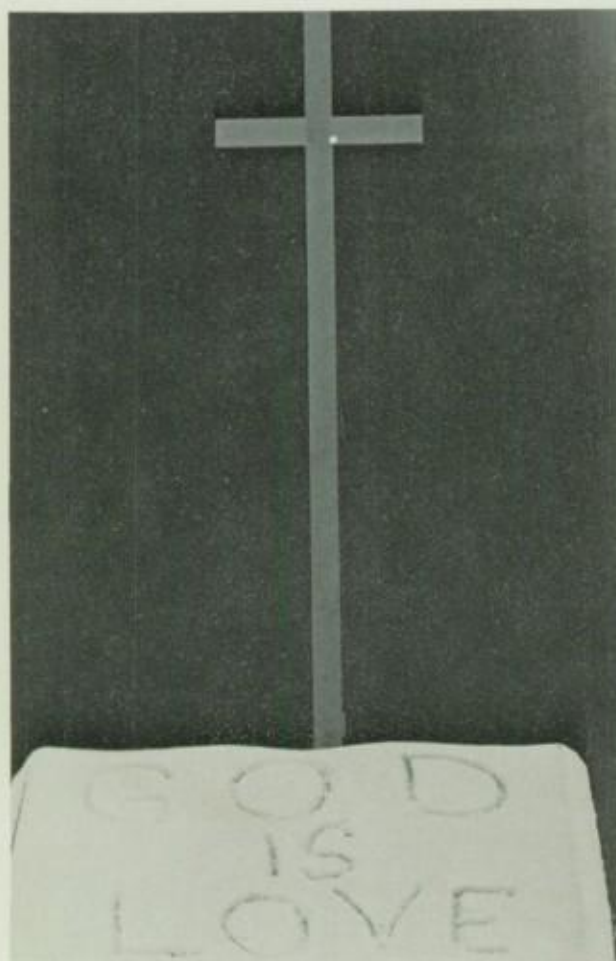


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1. Belief in God is one of the most important ideas that many AHS students hold dear.
2. As age becomes a reality, Mrs. Ida Mae McMann copes with life as it comes, telling stories of her youth as we inevitably will one day.
3. Obviously, by what we print on calendars, we believe in things that happen in the present—things that are in the far future seem too distant for concern.

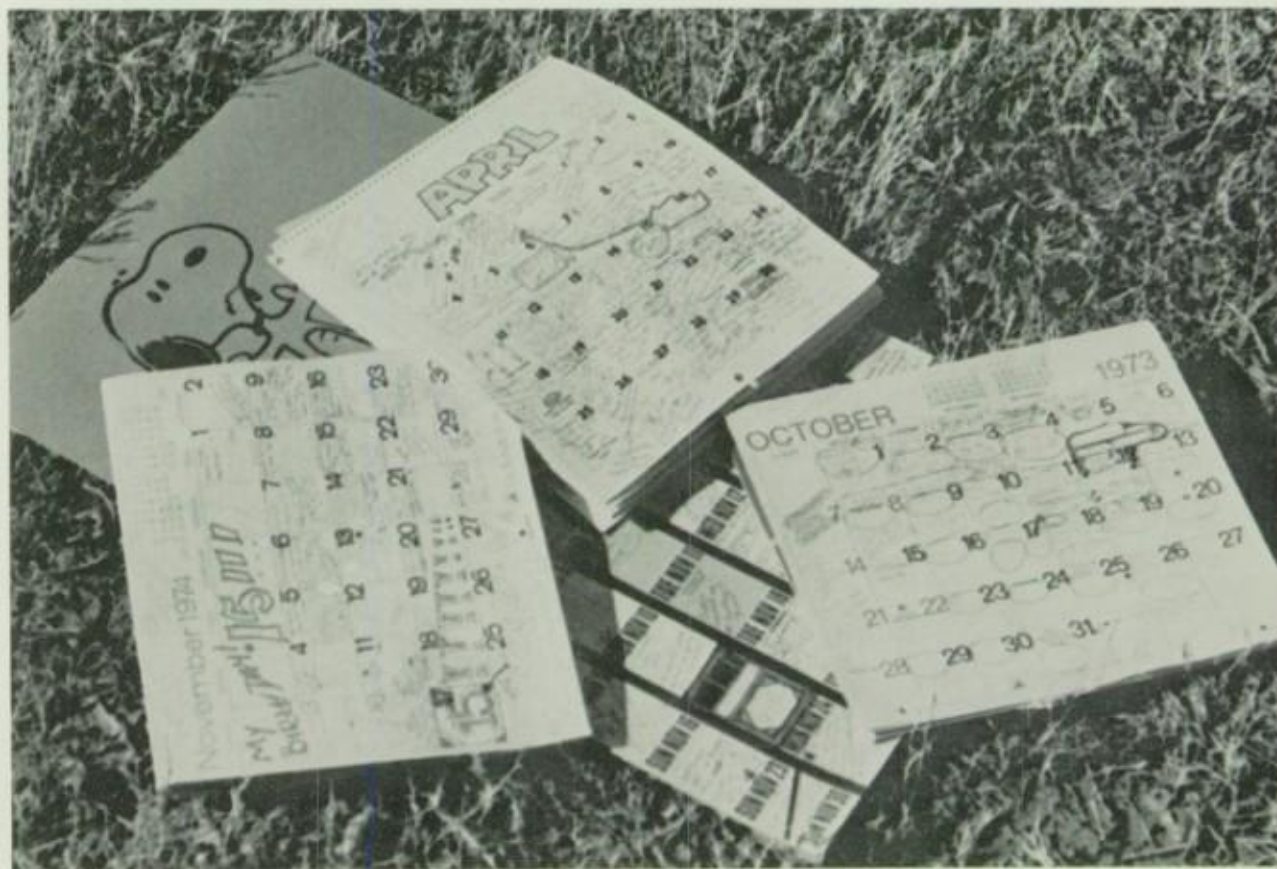


Do we "believe"?

Old age and death. Did they ever touch us? Did we really believe in things that weren't a part of our every day lives?

AHS students professed many different types of beliefs. For many, an active belief in God was of daily importance. For some, perhaps believing only went as far as knowing that there was a party Friday night and a date Saturday. For others, beliefs only went to believing in self. Everyone believed that the sun would rise the next morning and that spring would come, but beyond occasionally pondering the future, most people concentrated solely on NOW. What we were actively participating in was the center, the core, of our thoughts, our beliefs.

Beliefs—they were as different as the individual, constantly a part of our lives.



New year sobered by accidents

The weekend of August 28 was a sobering one for AHS students. Two students were killed in what seemed like two senseless accidents. On Saturday, Paul Copher, a junior, was hit by a truck while changing a tire on Interstate 20.

The next afternoon while walking with two friends, junior Ray King was shot in the head by John G. Allen, a 55 year-old psychotic.

Allen, an ex-air cadet dismissed for mental incompetency, shot King with a World War II surplus M-1 rifle.

The gunman, thinking he was still in World War II, had been seen by neighbors raising and lowering an American flag daily, standing at attention for hours at a time in his back yard, and standing on the corner of his block shooting at autos.

Ray was the innocent victim of this man's delusions.

Two senseless accidents, two innocent victims, and AHS students took a step toward growing up and realizing death as a very real and harsh reality that touches even the young.

Gunman Holed Up

Boy Thought Shots Were Firecrackers

By JERRY REED
Staff Writer

"I threw my bike down and hid behind a tree." Such was the reaction of a boy, about 10, who was riding down the street when an older youth was shot dead Sunday afternoon from a house in the 600 block.

The 10-year-old boy said four youths walking along with him were "scrambled for a while" when they saw the shooting.

After the Shooting, It's Waiting Game Inside Police House

Chronology

Here is a chronological order of Sunday's 16-year-old Ray King and subsequent hold-up:

- 5:01 p.m.: Abilene Emergency Ambulance Service receives call on shooting at North 7th and Clinton.
- 5:03 p.m.: AEMS arrives at scene, leaves with King.
- 5:11 p.m.: King dead on arrival at Hendrick Memorial.
- About 5:20 p.m.: A shot is fired at police.
- 6:45 p.m.: Trash dumpster truck is backed up west of positioned in front of the home of John J. Allen, alleged killer, was to provide protective cover for lawmen.
- 7:05 p.m.: Allen's brother, Bill Allen, try to talk brother into surrender, saying he was unse.
- 7:15 p.m.: Sh acquaintance, out.
- 11 p.m.: Police

Youth Killed In Pickup Accident

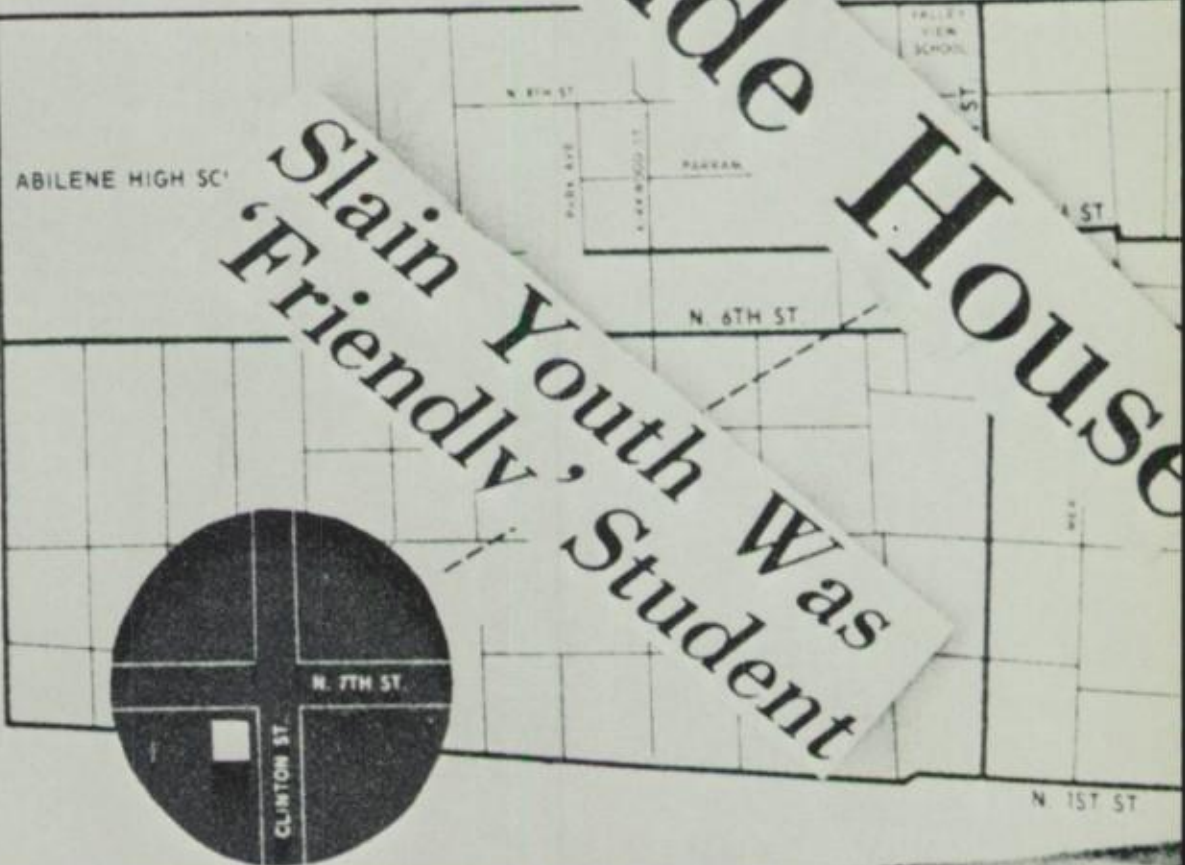
An Abilene youth was killed Saturday afternoon when he was struck by a pickup while changing a tire on his car alongside Interstate Highway 20 just east of the Farm-to-Market Road 600 overpass.

It was the second fatal accident within a two-mile stretch of the interstate in three days.

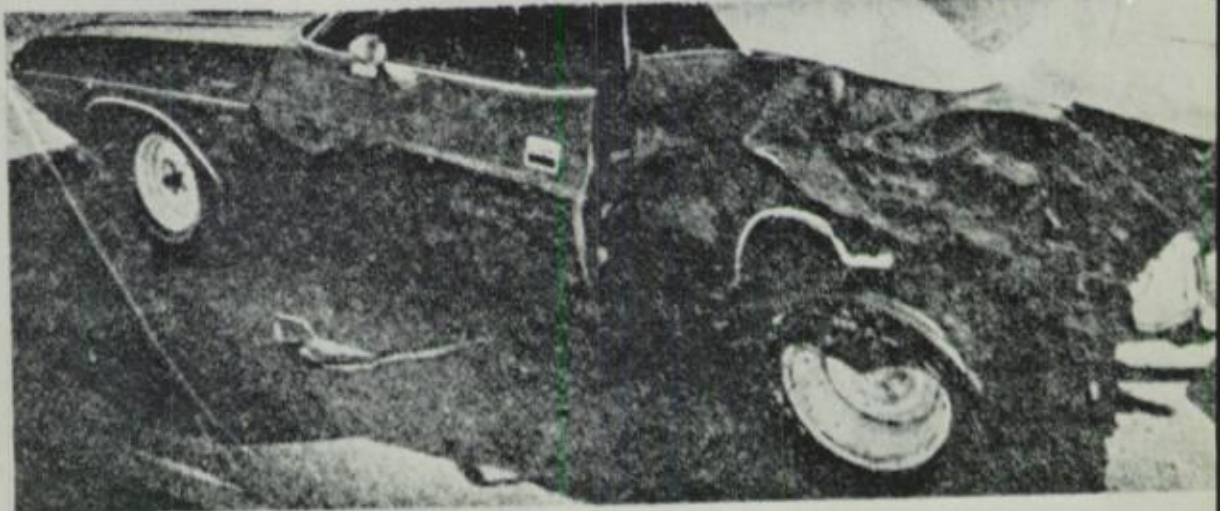
Paul William Copher, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Copher who are now in the process of moving from their 2765 Grape home, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Roland Dunwoody at 5:35 p.m.

A Callahan County man, John Gerald Neumann, died approximately two miles east of the spot of Saturday's fatal accident last Thursday when the car he was driving was struck by a truck while he was exiting the interstate on the State Highway 351 ramp.

Officer E.W. Carter of the Abilene Police Dept. said Copher apparently was changing the left rear tire of his car



Slain Youth Was 'Friendly' Student



Fatal scene

An Abilene youth, Paul William Copher, 16, was killed Saturday when he was struck by a truck while changing a tire on his

overpass. His death was the second days within a two-mile stretch (Staff Photo by David Kent)



1. Though walking often tends to get tiring, Rosemary Biefeldt and Pam Peterson seem to be enjoying shopping together.
2. Spending some time together, Mindy Jumper and Tim Broyles enjoy the flurry of circling skaters, music, and lights at the skating rink.
3. Goofing off with friends, Bryan Grimes and Randal Wilson practice to perfect their field goal kicking.
4. While they help each other with the unpleasant task of homework, Carol Holloway and Tim Willis experience togetherness by collaborating on a written assignment.



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Friends, dates crack individual shells

We were constantly a part of forming groups of two or more—groups of peers, groups of friends, or dating couples. When we ventured to share ourselves with one or more people, we expanded our levels of caring from the limited realm of self and our own interests to others and the things they liked.

Of course, this reaching out made us vulnerable to many things—to hurt, to prejudice, to the pressing on us of unwanted activities or opinions—but it also left us open for love, laughter, and good times that we could have never experienced all wrapped up in a circle of one.

For perhaps the first time in our lives, we functioned as members of our human race are meant to function—as individual, yet working and cooperative pieces in the giant puzzle of man and self we strove to solve. The raindrop expanded yet another circle.

1. The sophisticated look of the cowl neck sweater adds class to Mona Ashford's wardrobe.
2. The bulky old-fashioned look of old-style overalls and jumpsuits turn into new slim and trim styles as shown by Glen Stirman, K. D. Roberts, Joe Diggs, and Darren Edwards.
3. Modeling knickers and boots, Dani Yarbrough looks extra-sharp for a homemaking show.
4. Media expressed through the newspaper often is the basis for molding many students' opinions.
5. Even though most students at Abilene High expressed the opinion that Ford would come out on top, a few brave students stuck it out and advertised their Carter vote.
6. The vested suit, reminiscent of gangster days, and platform shoes give Ivory Phillips a look of distinction.
7. Pouring over the ins and outs of the intriguing plot of Irwin Shaw's Rich Man, Poor Man are Susie Wood, Terry Sandefur, and Valerie Lambert.



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Peers rule styles

Remember the junior high days of micro-short skirts and knee-high socks? Why don't we still dress in that manner? This gives rise to a discussion of an important trend-setting factor—peer pressure. The “look” of the year was determined in great proportion by who was wearing what. This year's styles ranged from variations of the ever-popular jeans to a re-hash of the jumpsuit and overall. Other old-timers finding a second wind this year included the 1890's knickers and gangster-era vested suits for both men and women. A fairly modern addition to the show was the cowl neck top worn with knee-length jumper or long pants. No matter how we wore it, what we wore seemed to be determined by who we tried to emulate.



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Media, environment, friends shape ideas

Some ideas we thought were really our own, but many were not. Often we were wrong, sometimes we were right.

Opinions should have been the individual's own ideas, but very often they weren't. Peer pressure, mass media exposure, and environmental surroundings were very real and effective opinion shapers for all students.

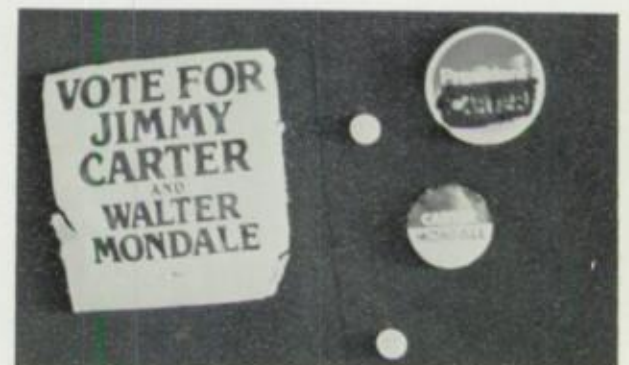
Books like *Rich Man, Poor Man*, movies like *A Star Is Born* or *King Kong* made money for their makers because our opinions of them were influenced by what we read or heard.

We bought records, went to the Kiss concert, cheered for certain athletic teams, or played games like Risk or Nertz because our friends did or because we read a good advertisement.

For most of us, our year was shaped and governed, but sometimes that inevitable self crept through. Thank God.



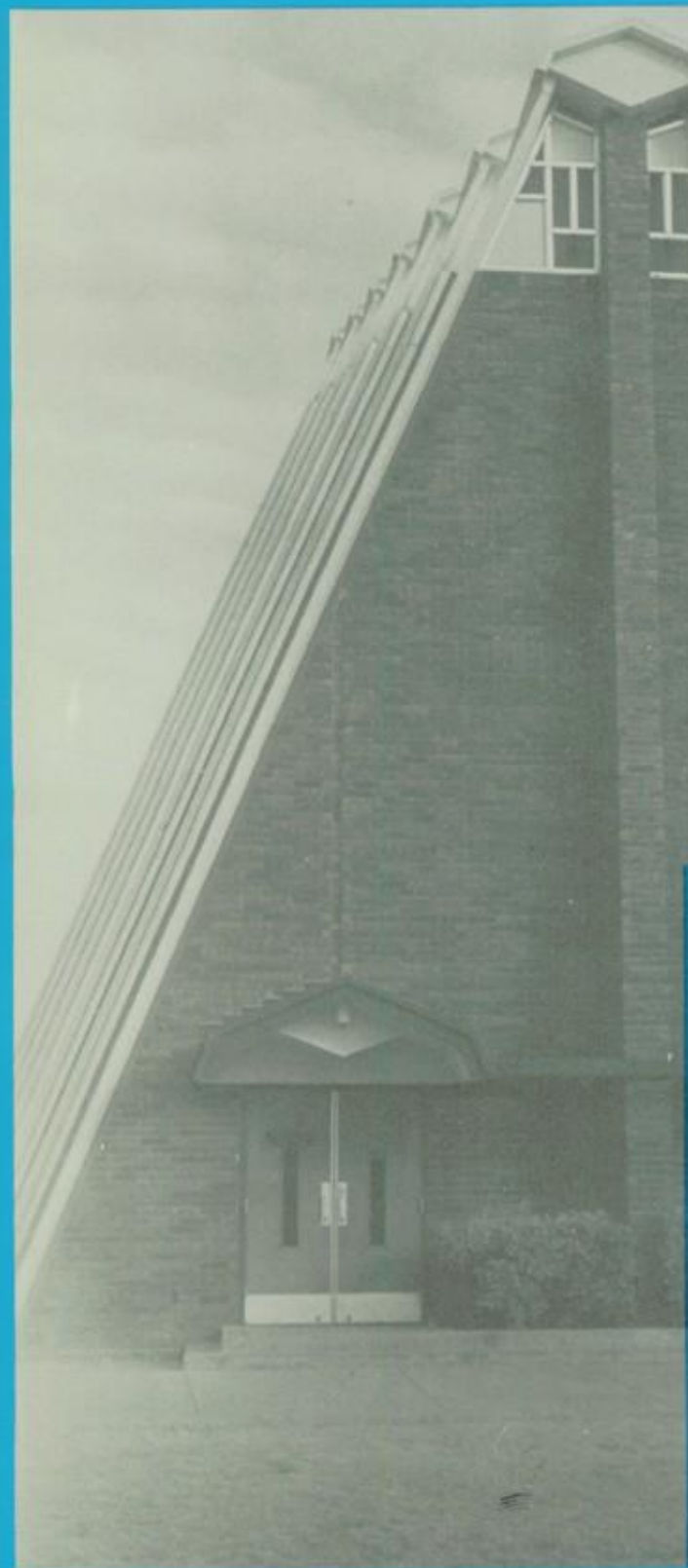
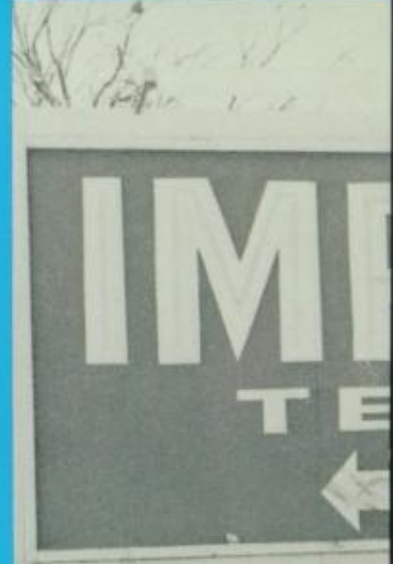
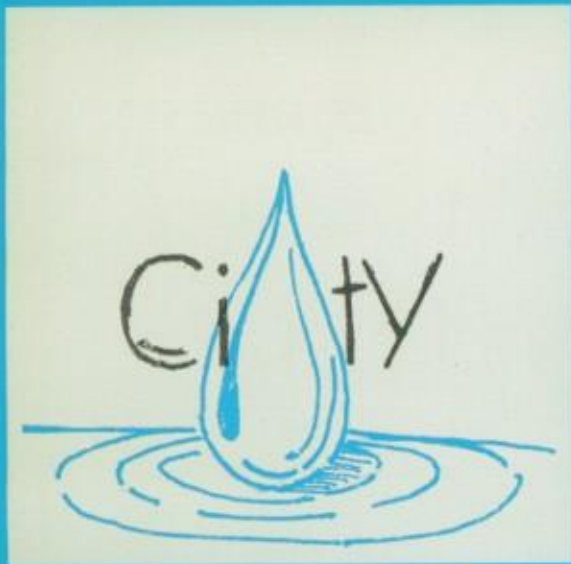
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Abilene has it all . . .

Mesquite trees, rusty railroad tracks, churches, "wet" suburbia, cross-town rivalry, eating places, college students, and brown-water lakes.

Memories of AHS are inextricably woven with memories of Abilene. We were a product of the city—its possibilities, peculiarities, and prejudices.

The additions kept us modern and progressive, yet we wondered at many of the backward views left from a backwoods society.

Abilene has it all, but sometimes, only sometimes, we wondered . . . where was it?



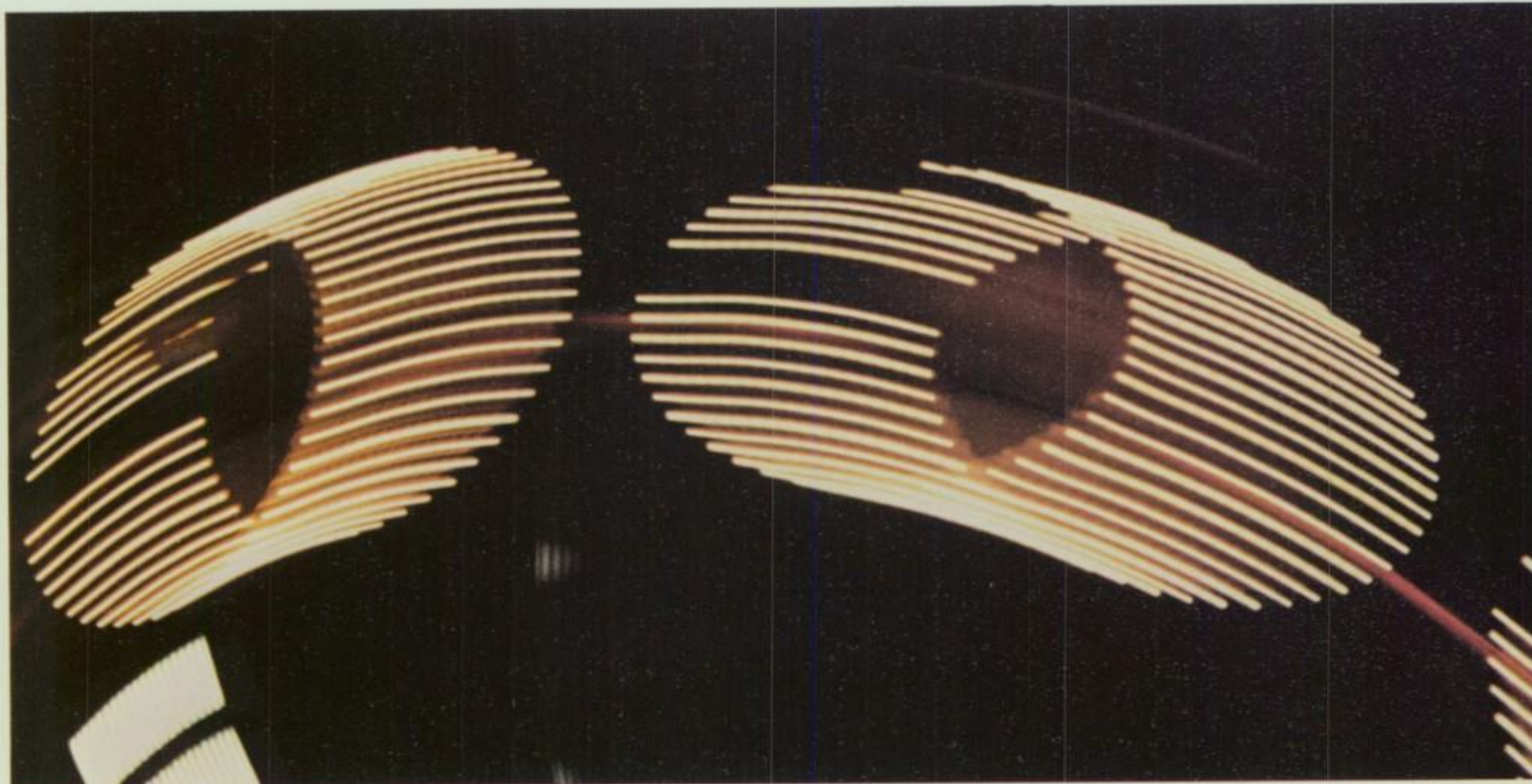
1. Screaming to the sounds of "Shake Your Boogie" and "The Hustle," students whizz through the brilliantly-lighted Himalayan ride.
2. Enjoying the special thrill and electricity in the night air of this year's fair are Marlina McMillian, Lori Gallaway, and Tami Ussery.
3. Ordinary lights become fantastic glowing ribbons as the Sky Lift ride wheels and spins.
4. Regaining childhood pleasures and perhaps memories, Donna Carroll rides the spring horse at Cobb Park.
5. Cuddling the soft, warm, fuzzy puppies, Carmen Robinson and Penny Whisenhunt grin as they rescue yet another stray from the gas chamber.
6. The intoxication and near hysteria of the Sky Diver beckons many students to climb aboard and try it out.
7. Spending a lunch period at Cobb Park is a good way to have fun, as shown by Judy Darby and Sunday Molina.



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Fair is still fantasy

Through our eyes as little kids, the fair was bright lights of ferris wheels appearing on the horizon as we drove the long stretch with our folks from Treadaway to the Cross Plains Highway. When those colorful lights appeared, the promised excitement was overwhelming to our six-year-old minds.

Much of the thrill has been erased by passing time and growing up, but this year, the lights still remained, the crowds still swelled up and down the midway, and we still left school at 2:30 and streamed to the fair the first day it settled itself in our part of West Texas.

To our older minds, the fair was more than spook houses. Some entered exhibits, but the rest still thronged to be seen with friends and wear those new fall clothes.



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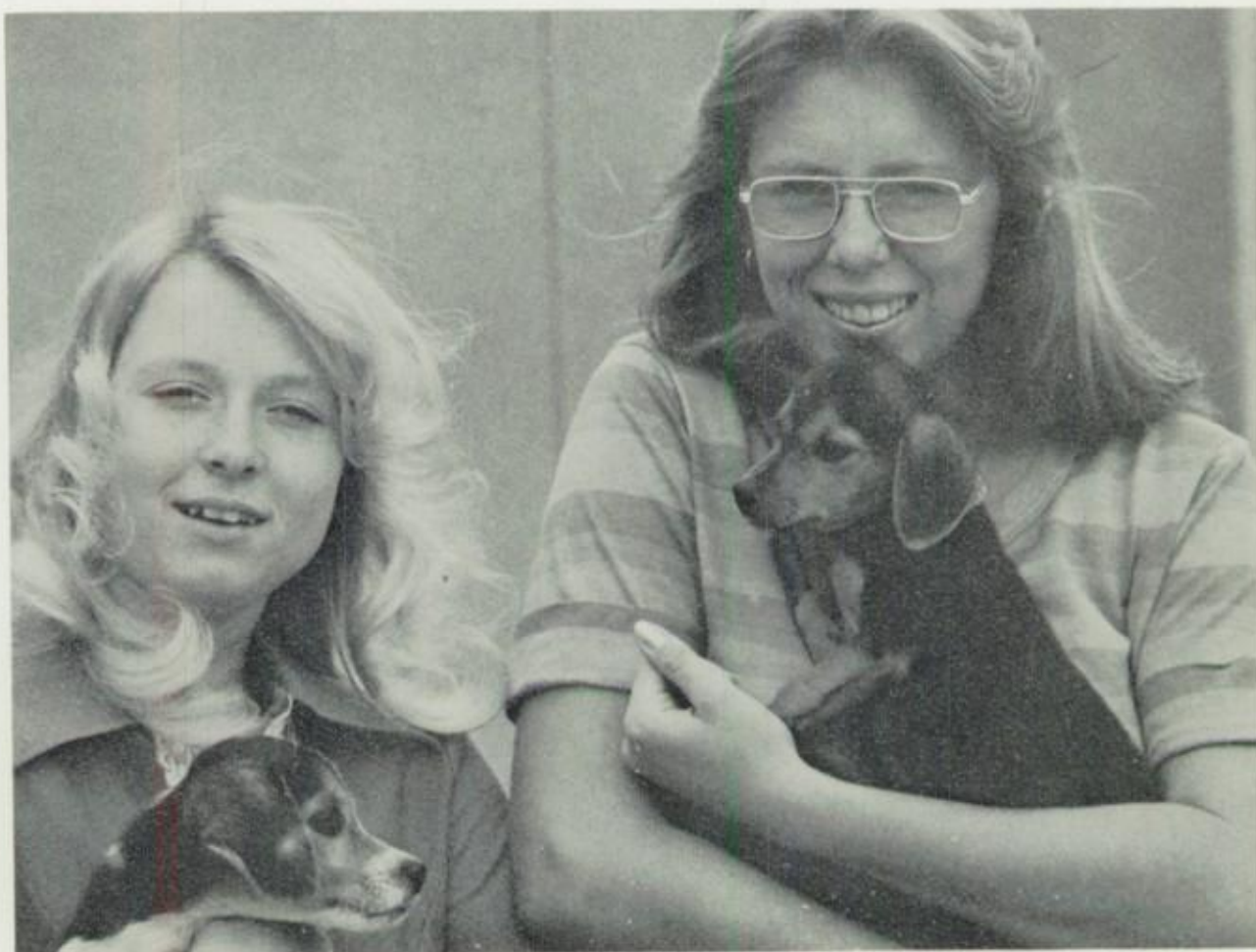
Abilene offers time to learn and relax

Our city offered many opportunities for students to help and just simply enjoy themselves. For those who were more interested in helping, the Humane Society, sponsored by Mrs. Marguerite Griffith was supported by many students at AHS. The main theme of this program was to look out for mistreated or stray animals. They had projects to raise funds for people that needed help with pets.

In a totally different vein, Abilene's many city parks were an excellent "get away" from the dust and heat of Abilene. A favorite of AHS students was Cobb Park, located two blocks away from school. Cobb Park was frequented on weekends and sometimes even by students who were supposed to be in school!



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The day of dread registration arrives

"Randy! *Get up!* Hurry! You're late already!"

That was the first thing I heard that Monday morning when the despised and dreaded *Registration* came down upon me like a cloud of doom.

"Oh, well," I thought, "might as well get it over with. Sophomores have to face the real world sometime!"

And that was where it all started.

As soon as I had gotten dressed and eaten breakfast I was about as ready to go as I would ever be. (As soon as I got there, I felt like going back, though.)

My sister, who went with me so I wouldn't get my schedule all goofed up, and I waited around in the halls until somebody remembered a way to get in the auditorium. After we went in, I felt more at home because I had been in the Abilene High auditorium many times before.

We sat down and watched E. C. Ice showing off with a microphone on the stage, and

Dean Perkins told us what to do. Then, finally, we made our way to the cafeteria.

We stepped inside and it was like a different world all together. It was just like a big stock market exchange—people hustling and bustling, darting here and there. There were even some people who looked like they had just lost all their stocks!

All of a sudden, I saw them. You know . . . *them*. The *teachers!* Help. But then I took hold of myself and decided to give them a chance. I went around to have my classes scheduled.

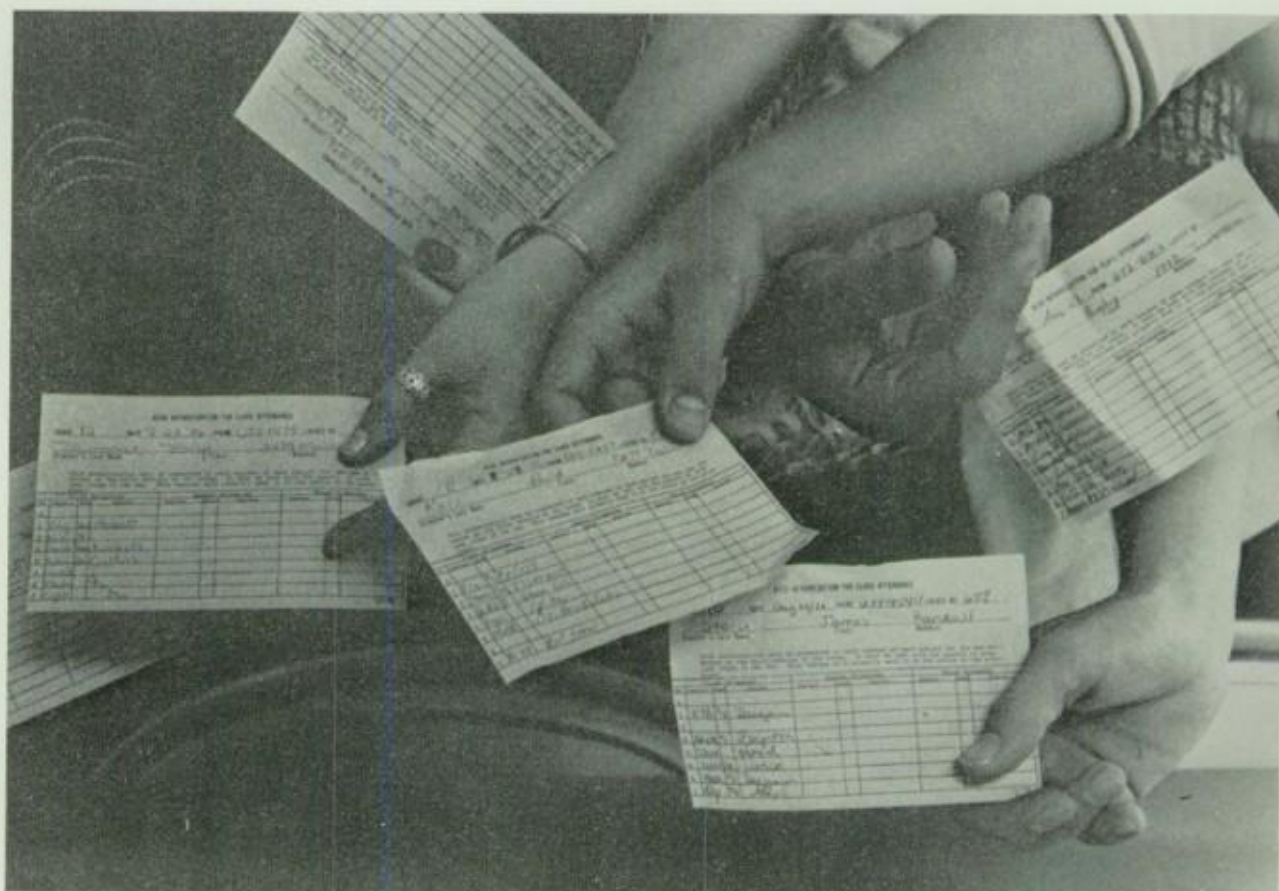
The air smelled of "teacherly" perfume and the pungent aroma of new paper mixed with cafeteria food. Suddenly I realized I was going to have to stick it out another year.

After I left and was going home, I felt a little excited about seeing old faces, meeting new people, coming to a different school, and just coming back to school again.

When I was home, I realized I was through . . . with THE DAY OF THE REGISTRATION.



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1. Making sure the number on the door matches the number on his registration card, Rusty Thomas wonders what lies behind for him in the coming weeks.
2. Kerplop! Kerplop! The clamor of people playing ping-pong resounds throughout the gym during rec nite.
3. The seething mass of students pushing and shoving waiting for their turn for faculty to fill out their registration cards must sometimes make the teachers feel small and weak.
4. Checkers, one of the activities enjoyed at rec nite, takes a lot of concentration.



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Rec night marks opening of school

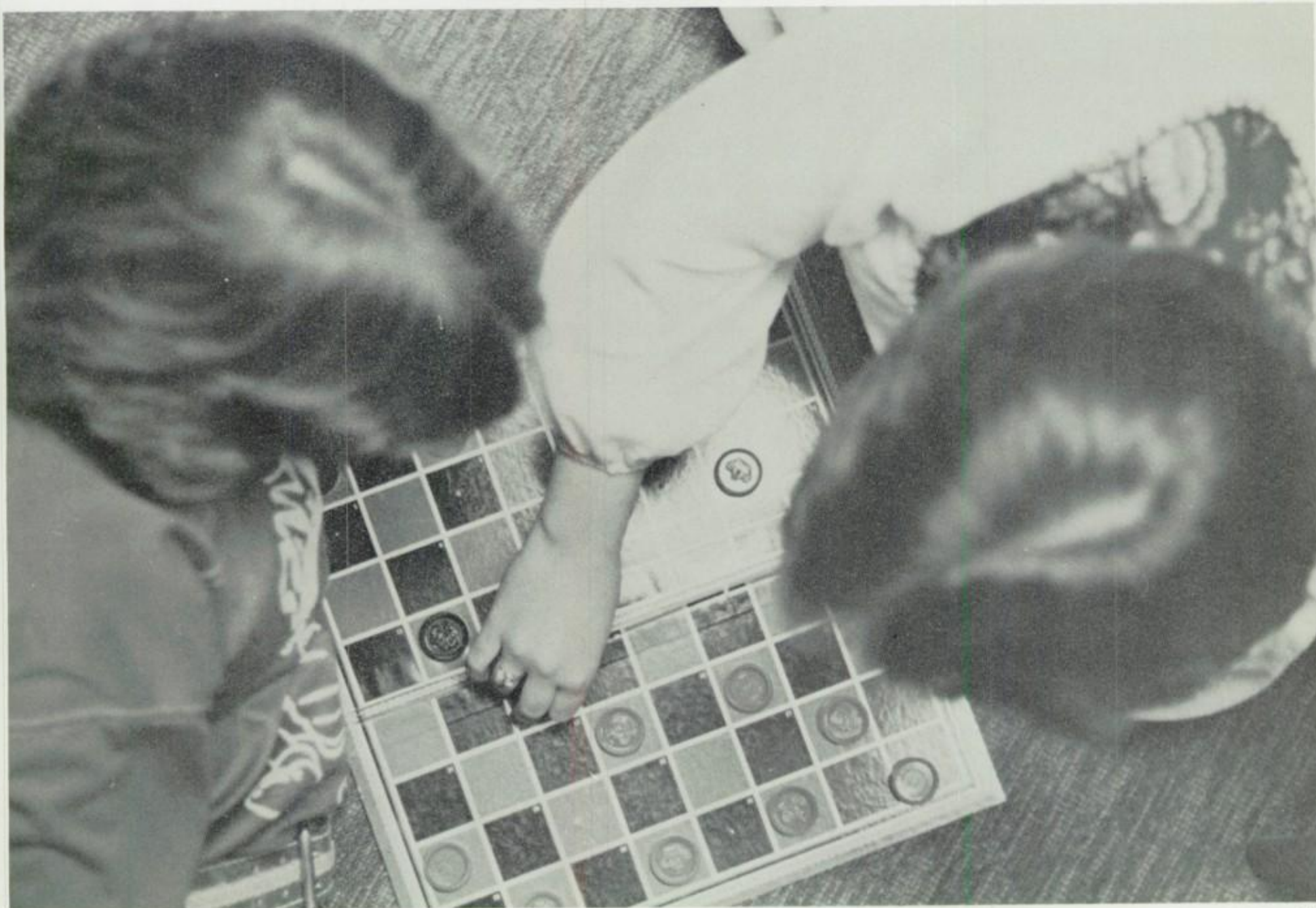
"I enjoyed it!" "It was sha-a-arp!" "I had a fine time." "I didn't go, but I wish I had." "I heard really good stuff about it."

What was all the excitement about? Rec night—one of the most exciting nighttime activities Abilene High had to offer.

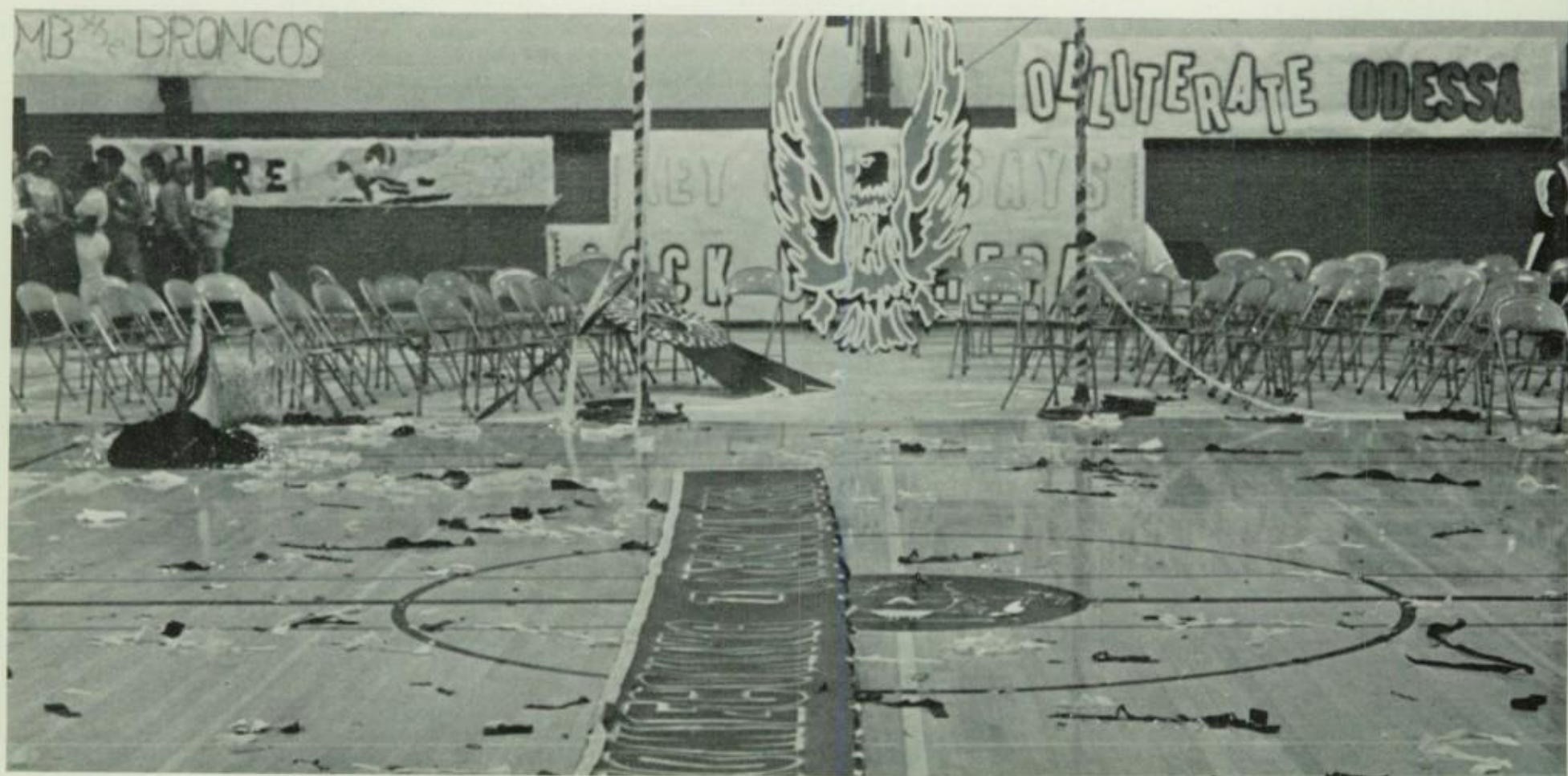
Rec night had fun for everyone, but there was one catch—students had to get involved.

"You should have played volleyball," said Kim Jerige. "There were 30 people on a team, and only six were girls!" *Fun.*

Besides volleyball, students played basketball, cards, checkers, and ping pong. And, of course, everyone enjoyed "getting down" to the music played by John Frost from KRBC.



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Gym sways, rocks with mounting spirit

ROAR! The gym seemed to come alive every Friday morning when hundreds of teeming, excited students poured in. A strange yet thrilling kind of electricity ran through everyone, changing the mood from one of boredom to a feeling of joy and togetherness.

Slowly, even the most inhibited of us seemed to open up and at least yell a little bit.

The band added the pomp and exciting air of a parade to the pep rally, making everyone succumb to a racy beat—a kind of impulse felt in every corner of the gym.

Then, the players strolled in one by one, trying not to show the deep sense of pride they felt towards their team mates and their school. The cheerleaders bounced into a cheer, and the student body swelled like a growing balloon, ready to pop. At the end and on a more serious note, a player walked up to the microphone, which was decorated in a festoon of ribbons, streamers and colors, and said a prayer.

Then, as the band and the cheerleaders helped, everyone joined together in the singing of the school song. Suddenly, the band exploded in a fast tune as the students were set free until the next booming, screaming, and just plain thrilling pep rally fired around to relieve us from another boring Friday.





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1. The aftermath of a pep rally looks like a blown up balloon that has burst, leaving reminders of its splendor.
2. A sense of harmony is felt when the Bold Gold girls are seen holding hands while singing the school song, a tradition at Abilene High.
3. The swarm of moving people dies down as a solemn note, the closing prayer, is heard.
4. Giving the 50's pep rally a finishing touch, Dave Dalzell, KRBC disc jockey, poses as the Fonz to help boost spirit.
5. After he says the prayer, Ricky Sanchez and the cheerleaders get ready for the school song.



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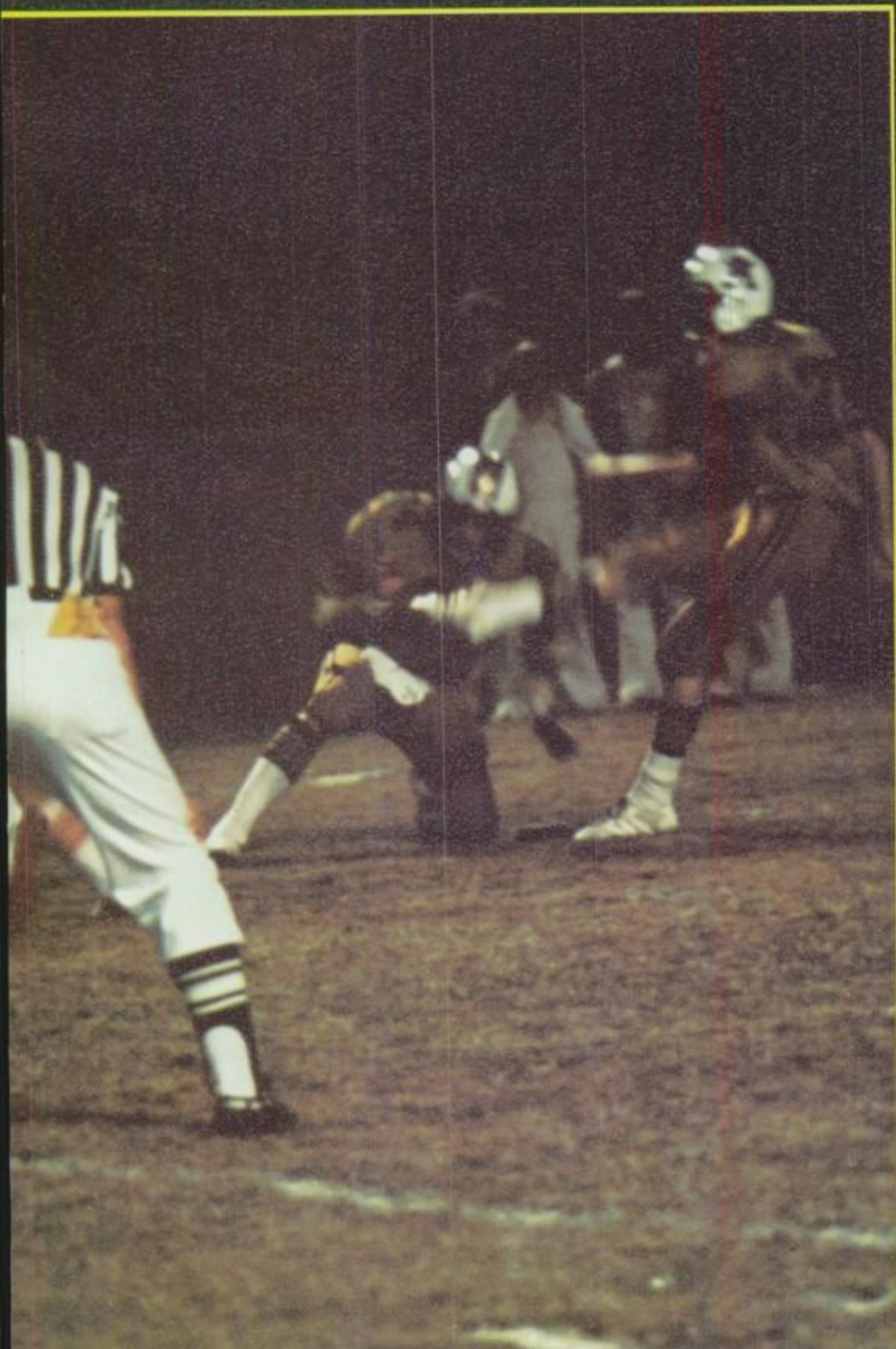
1. The ecstasy of being honored as Homecoming Queen shows on Brenda Steele's face as Howard Worthing crowns her.
2. Even though the temperature is down to freezing, cheerleaders are still warm enough to cheer Abilene High fans on in the close football contest.
3. The electricity and harmony of the homecoming pep rally holds excitement and thrills for both Abilene High students and exes.
4. Harmony and happiness are given to the audience by Howard Worthing, Mary Beth Chalk, Caryl McGlothlin, and Jeff Berryman, Sing Song hosts and hostesses.
5. Bold Gold won first place in club division with Cara Sue Sitton as director.
6. With the theme "Those Were the Very Good Years," the mighty Sophomore class won both the costume and the song prizes in Sing Song.
7. Bringing thousands of fans to their feet screaming, Kent Long kicks the extra point in the final seconds to win the game 24-23.



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Something there is about an Eagle Homecoming! 10-25-76

Dear Jerry,

How's everything in Modesto? I wish you could have been here. This was the best homecoming we've ever had. Well, almost.

We lost in Sing Song! You won't believe who won. Ya, the punkie sopho. I still think we were better. But I guess there pretty good for sophomores!

Oh, that was just the beginning. Frickin' the pep rally was so good. Everybody was so excited. Oh, and believe it or not I had a date and he wasn't a cheapy either.

At the game, during halftime, they announced who got homecoming queen. Dranda Steele got it and she was so excited.

It was so close we won 24-23 by an extra point kicked by Kent Song! It almost gave me a heart attack.

I really wish you could have been here. Take care. I better be cause here comes my chemistry teacher. Write me back.

Love,
Sue

1. Minutes seem like hours as rehearsals are repeated over and over—yet in the final outcome, Mr. Hal Miller's drama students know it will be worth it.
2. A scene from *The Dark of the Moon*, where Kevin Jacobs preaches to the congregation, shows that the drama class really worked on the presentation.
3. Carol Bradley, Randy Davis, and Kevin Jacobs talk as the plot thickens in *The Dark of the Moon*.



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Drama students act like district winners

In the world of make-up and props, the drama department produced their versions of *The Dark of the Moon* and *Mrs. McThing*. Besides entertaining, the AHS drama students earned the district title in one-act plays.

The Dark of the Moon, a play about witchcraft, explained how a warlock, wanting to become human, fell in love with a human girl only to find out that she must be faithful to him for a year. After she was raped, he sadly went back to witchcraft.

Mrs. McThing was a lighthearted comedy about the perils of gangsters, a wealthy society lady, witchcraft, and a "little white rose" of a girl who interacted in their lives in unexpected ways.

The drama department furnished students with a collage of humorous and serious moments in *The Dark of the Moon* and *Mrs. McThing*. This was just one of many ways in which AHS students used their talents.



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1. Portraying the character that won him a part of the all star cast, Robert Garrison encourages Dale Kenney to become a mob member in *MRS. McTHING*.

2. In her role of Mrs. Larue, Tammy Miller rebukes the gansters that have influenced her son played by Dale Kenney.

Love-theme of Christmas, Valentine's

Love and the laughter of a small child's eyes when he saw Santa Claus interlocked Valentine's Post Office (VPO) and Christmas assembly days.

Love was expressed during Valentine's Day when the VPO, sponsored by the National Honor Society, made it possible for students to express their feelings for fellow students and teachers through sealed sentiments, singing telegrams, plates of cookies, and carnations—just little ways of saying "I like you!"

Children were the main part of this year's Christmas assemblies when Mr. Lee Abernathy, the traditional jolly man with the cherry-red nose, elevated Christmas spirit among the faculty members, students, and children alike. The band, led by Mr. Bill Spencer, played a concert for onlookers.

These holidays, filled with laughter and love, made students feel a little better with a sense of togetherness as the seasons' joys brought them together.



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1. Dressed as comic strip characters, Steven Vertz and Carol Holloway tune up for the next singing telegram.

2. Keeping himself busy at the job of record librarian, Bryan Grimes selects records to be played on Radio Day.

3. Entertaining children and students, Mr. Lee Abernathy asks for suggestions on his request list.

4. Almost losing his microphone in his soft white beard, Santa Claus (alias Mr. Lee Abernathy) amuses the crowd.

5. The job of answering the telephone goes to Cindy Davee, one of the many people who worked behind the scenes as receptionist at Radio Day.





Abilene's airwaves arrested by AHS

Hearing friends talk over the radio was not an everyday, common experience, but on March 12, seniors of Abilene High took over the airwaves of Abilene's KNIT. From six that morning till one o'clock the next dawn, they played music, DJ'ed, and generally had a good time at KNIT's record studios.

Besides the thirty-six DJ's, seniors served as ads salesmen and record librarians, which brought the total number of participants to 125. The most important people of the Radio Day program were probably not on the air. Money to run the show was brought in by ad salespersons while the songs KNIT listeners heard were picked by seniors serving as record librarians.

Though Radio Day was fun for Abilene High seniors, it was also a means of communicating with the rest of the community.

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Eagle Revue '77- taste of Broadway

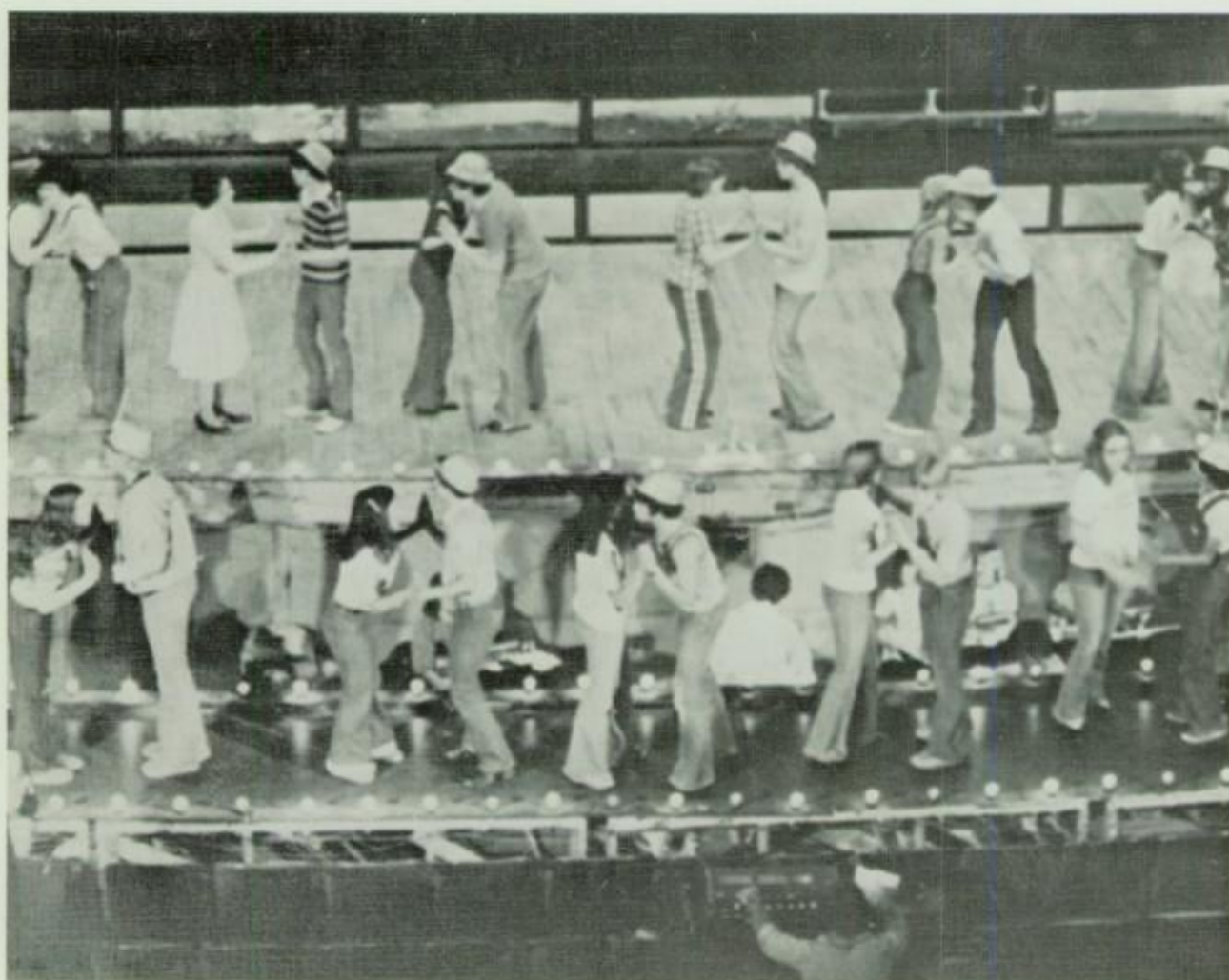
Ah, the odds and ends that constitute a big annual event. For both performers and audiences Eagle Revue '77 was comparable to an authentic Broadway production. It had it all—professionals, hours of rehearsal, colorful costumes, make-up, choreography, propmaking, special effects, and even an accident caused by a fall from the risers that took four stitches to fix.

As in a dinner theater, grime came with the glitter. The performers had the chore of selling tickets and ads for the program.

Had students not recognized familiar faces, they would have believed themselves entertained by a company in a New York theater. The members sang and danced right into the aisles and into the audience's heart. For special effects a mirrored ball was lowered in the center of the auditorium. It caught the stage lights and, slowly revolving, threw millions of multi-colored spots on the walls.

The theme was basically vaudeville, although nostalgic "Rock Around the Fifties" was included in the two-hour show along with a modern robot dance presentation by the Junior Lockers.

Closing with a medley entitled "Get Happy," the hard-working group received a standing ovation that spread smiles on the choir members' and audiences' faces.





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1. With style and class, Dave Einsel makes the audience laugh with one of his jokes.
2. Singing and dancing, Denise Pointer fascinates the audience.
3. After a great performance, Mary Beth Chalk smiles at her viewers' reactions of cheers and applause.
4. Preparing for the real thing, concert choir members use their dancing talent in rehearsal as Eagle Revue '77 approaches.
5. Another soloist, Mary Beth Mitchell, gives her all in "Some Day My Prince Will Come."
6. Dancing to "Embrace Me," Tai Nunnally and Paul Vandever hold each other closely.
7. In the opening act, Glenda Baxter's choreography enhances the show.



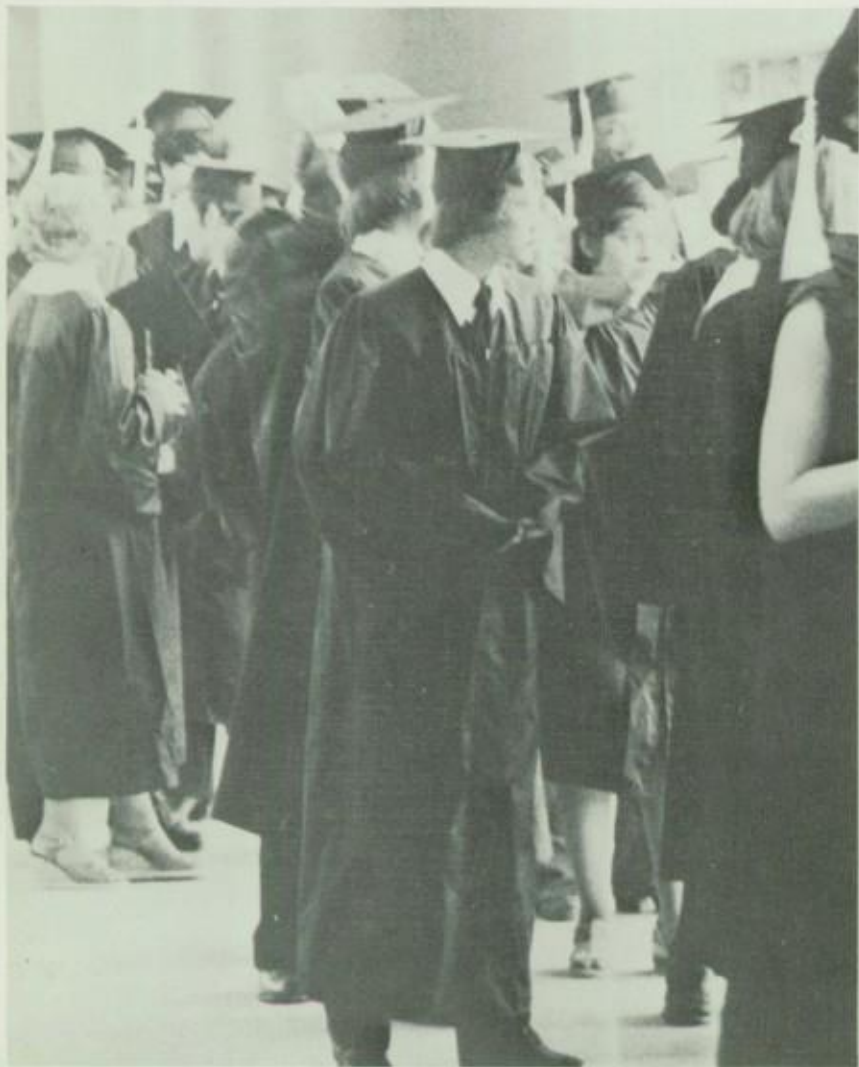
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1. Patiently waiting for all names to be called are Rodney Abbott, Iris Adams, Jodie Adams and Tracy Andress.
2. The graduating class of '77 together for the last time.
3. Milling about backstage only adds to the seniors' anxiety and impatience.
4. Shaking hands with school board member Mr. Wally Bullington is graduate-to-be Jerry Ann Baucum.
5. Growing perhaps a little fearful as well as nervous at the prospect of graduating is senior Alice Oles.





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'The last time I saw them was through a tear'

June 2, 1977

Tonight I said good-bye to tardy bells, pink slips, combination lockers, morning announcements and my classmates.

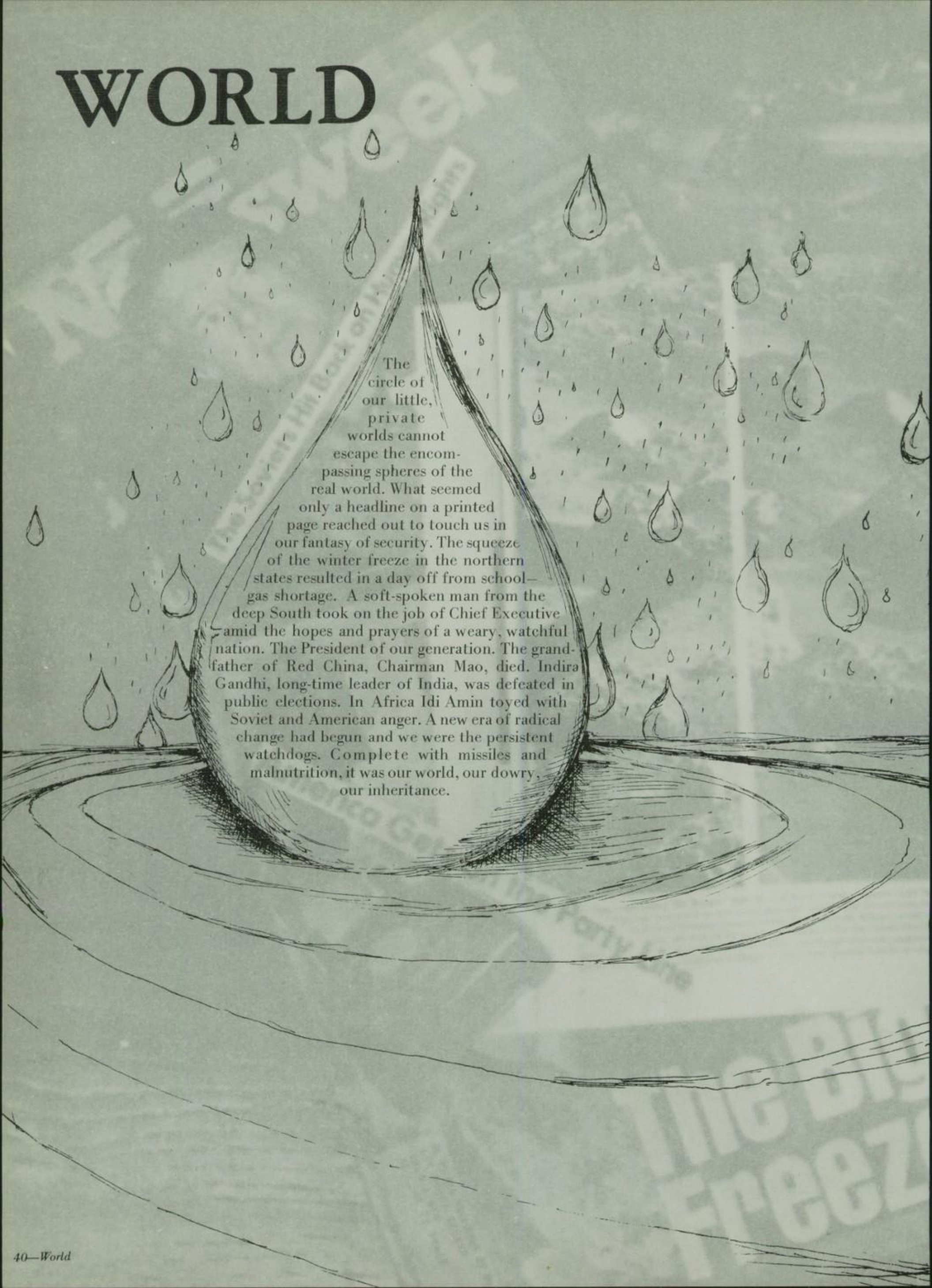
When I stepped into the spotlight and shook Mr. Wally Bullington's hand I realized I was trembling, but by the time Mr. Koonce began his speech, I was impatient. Ready to be free. And when Mr. Koonce formally accepted the class my shout was just as loud as anyone else's.

But later, after all the pictures were taken and all the hugs were given, I had to say good-bye to my friends—the kids I'd grown up with. All the memories of the laughter and the tears shared rushed back and left me dizzy. It was like hitting a brick wall when I realized they were quietly exiting my life . . . and the last time I saw them was through a tear.

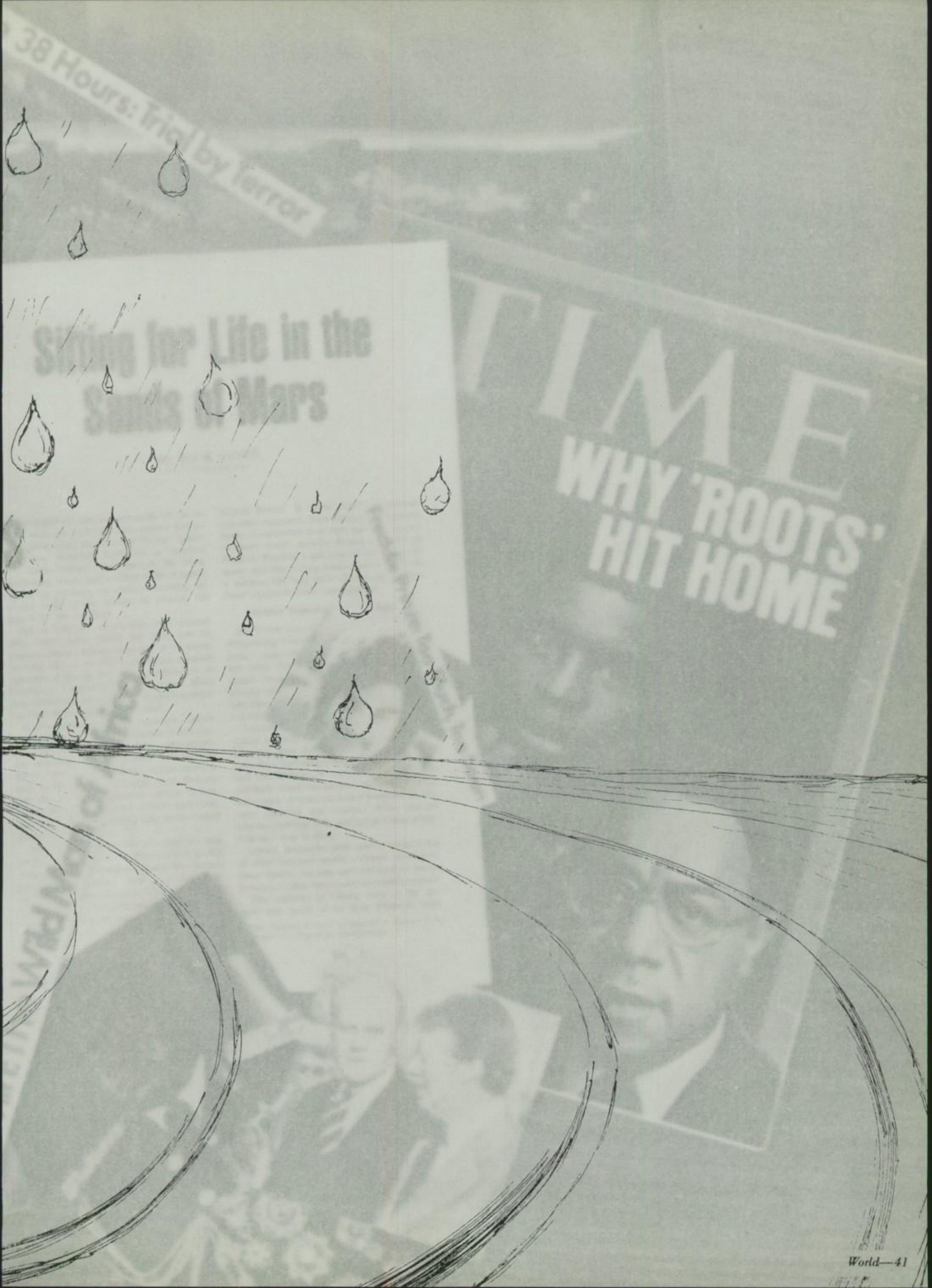


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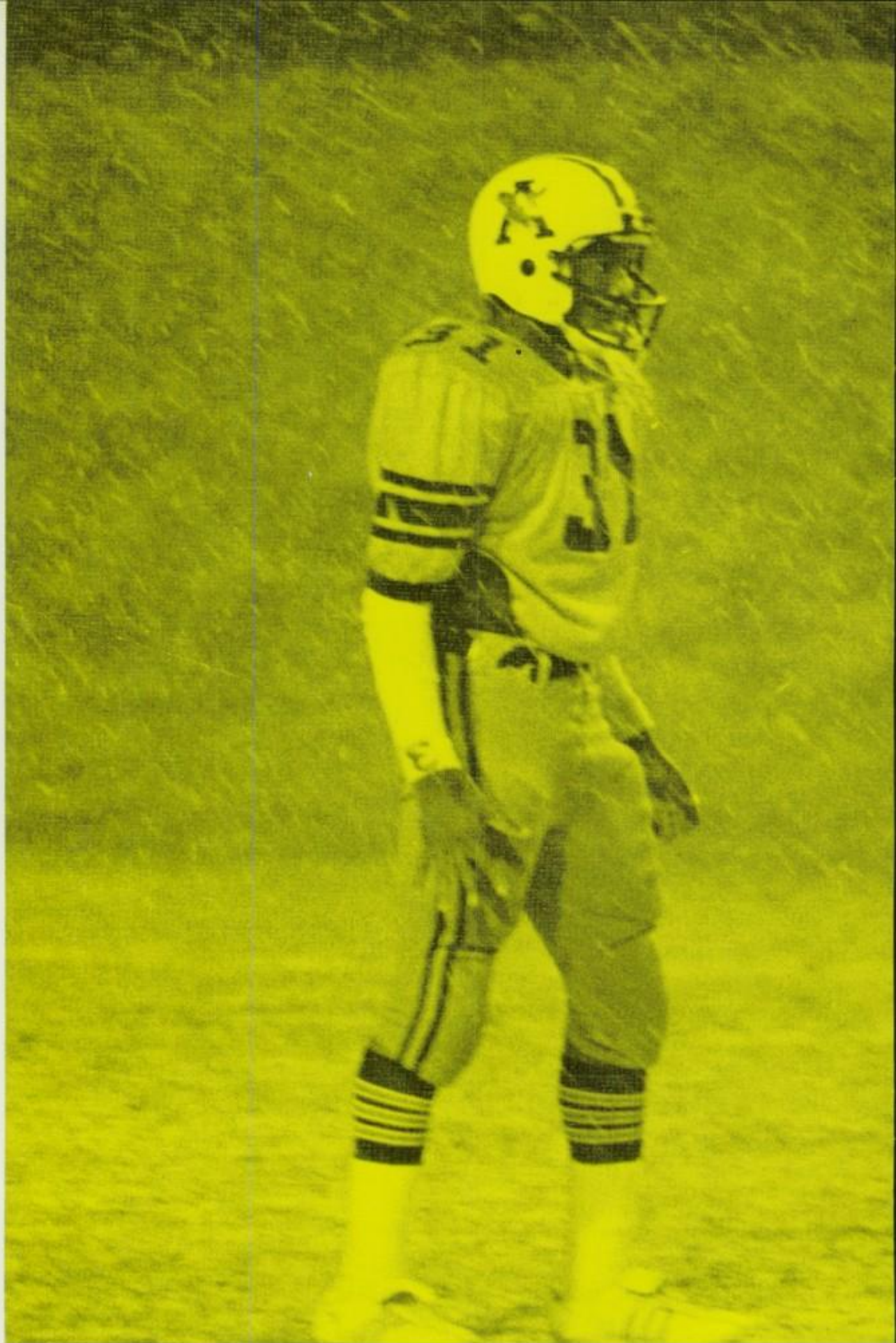
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The circle of our little, private worlds cannot escape the encompassing spheres of the real world. What seemed only a headline on a printed page reached out to touch us in our fantasy of security. The squeeze of the winter freeze in the northern states resulted in a day off from school—gas shortage. A soft-spoken man from the deep South took on the job of Chief Executive amid the hopes and prayers of a weary, watchful nation. The President of our generation. The grandfather of Red China, Chairman Mao, died. Indira Gandhi, long-time leader of India, was defeated in public elections. In Africa Idi Amin toyed with Soviet and American anger. A new era of radical change had begun and we were the persistent watchdogs. Complete with missiles and malnutrition, it was our world, our dowry, our inheritance.



1. Wondering if the snow will ever stop, Reggie Fields walks back to the huddle during the Abilene High-Cooper High game.
2. Swinging with good wrist action, Mark Pierce sets a base hit.
3. Concentration doesn't end after the ball is hit, as Mike Long demonstrates with his follow-through.



Are you sensing

With the addition of eight new coaches, the Eagles took to the fields, the golf courses, the gymnasiums, the swimming pools, the tennis courts, and the tracks—to show District 5-AAAA once again just exactly who they were.

Girls and boys alike made names for themselves as Abilene High and District 5-AAAA athletes.

Denny Harris was named to high school football's All-American team, Lela Hines and Anthony Washington made names for themselves in state track, and Ky

Cauble was second in district tennis.

Girls cross country brought home our only District title, but Eagles came too painfully close in contests for basketball and baseball.

But spirits were high, and hopes for "next year" were, as always, there.

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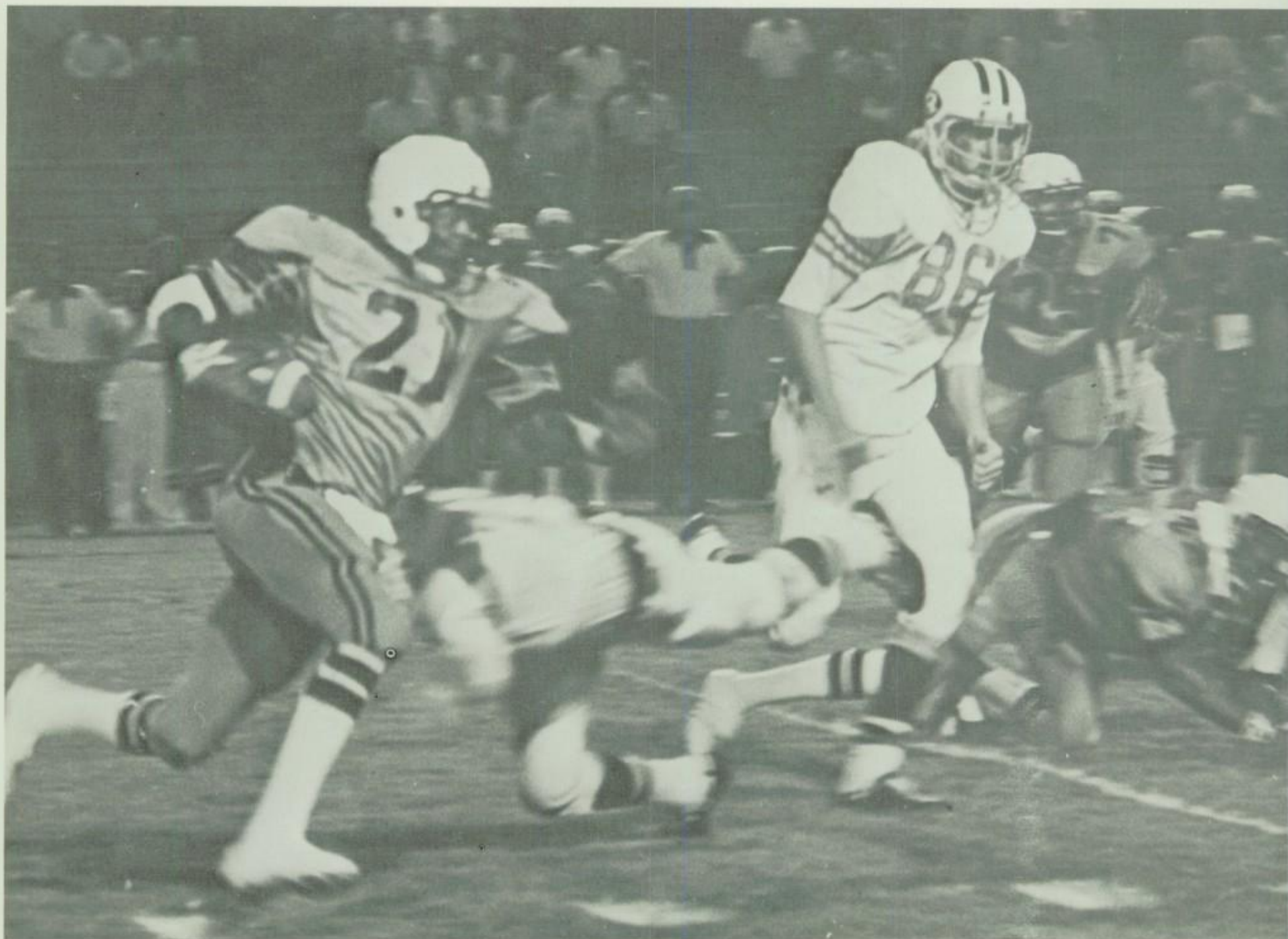
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Eagles shock polls with #10 spot in state

39-0. WOW! On the merits of a 39-0 rout of the highly ranked Wichita Falls Ryder Raiders, the Eagles soared to number ten in the Harris Poll of Texas schoolboy football teams during their first week of play. This was the first time AHS had received this honor since the late 1950's.

The victory was a team effort with the machine-like offense grinding out 369 yards of total offense and 21 first downs. The staunch defense allowed Wichita Falls just 152 yards of total offense and a miserly 7 first downs.

Ryder's only serious threat came on a 41 yard field goal attempt that fell short. This plateau, however, was a short-lived one. The Austin Maroons made sure of that by administering a 28-21 whipping of the Eagles.

The preseason ended in a disappointing manner for the Eagles who lost to Temple 41-14 in the final preseason game.

Three seniors performed especially well starting on both offense and defense all through the preseason. Senior Denny Harris anchored both the offensive and defensive lines playing tackle on both. Senior KD Roberts also started on both offense and defense playing split end on offense and safety on defense. The offensive tailback position and weak cornerback position were both ably manned by senior Joe Jones.

A lone outstanding victory, a pair of losses, a plague of injuries, and high hopes for the district opener with the Big Spring Steers were all that marked the rough preseason for the Eagles.





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Eagles shine in Brownwood scrimmage

The Abilene High football team kicked off its football season with a scrimmage against the highly ranked Brownwood Lions. Although the Lions went on to win their district and not lose again until regional competition, they were not so lucky against the Eagles. The Eagles won the scrimmage four touchdowns to three.

The night was a good omen of things to come. The Eagles were brilliant at times during the rest of the season, yet lacked the consistency they would need to win district.



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1. A defender of Wichita Falls Ryder attempts to bring down our man, Herman Reece, as he runs for long yardage.
2. Glen Stirman executes a quarterback option against Wichita Falls Ryder in the opening minutes of the game.
3. In the preseason game against Brownwood, Glen Stirman sharpens his handoff abilities with Joe Jones.
4. Teamwork pays off in the 39-0 victory over Wichita Falls Ryder as demonstrated by Herman Reece blocking a defender as Reggie Fields circles around the end.



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Eagles dominate Big Spring, Midland, crumble under highly-ranked Permian

A close game was forecast when two teams expected to battle for the cellar spot of District 5-AAAA played. Such was not the case. The Abilene High Eagles ran by the Big Spring Steers with Joe Jones doing most of the leg work piling up 159 yards in just 20 carries for the Eagles.

It was a close game for a while until the Warbirds unleashed a grueling running attack marching 342 yards on the ground in addition to 62 yards through the air. Despite the Eagles leading by only 5 points at the half, the Eagles ballooned that half time margin to a hefty 21 point lead before the final gun sounded signaling an explosive 43-22 Eagle victory and a great district start.

Then, for the second time in one season, the Eagles had to play the number two rated team in state. This time they didn't fair as well as they had against the then second ranked Wichita Falls Ryder Raiders.

Despite an evenly balanced attack featuring 123 yards rushing and 118 yards passing, Permian was able to out wait the Eagles and capitalize on two fumbles inside the Abilene 35 yard line and a 17 yard punt that Permian graciously accepted on the AHS 37 yard line. The result was a Permian victory.

When asked the difference between Permian and Abilene High, Coach Dewitt Jones lamented, "The difference is poise. We have better talent than they do, but they beat us on poise." The lack of poise left the Eagles with a 1-1 district record.

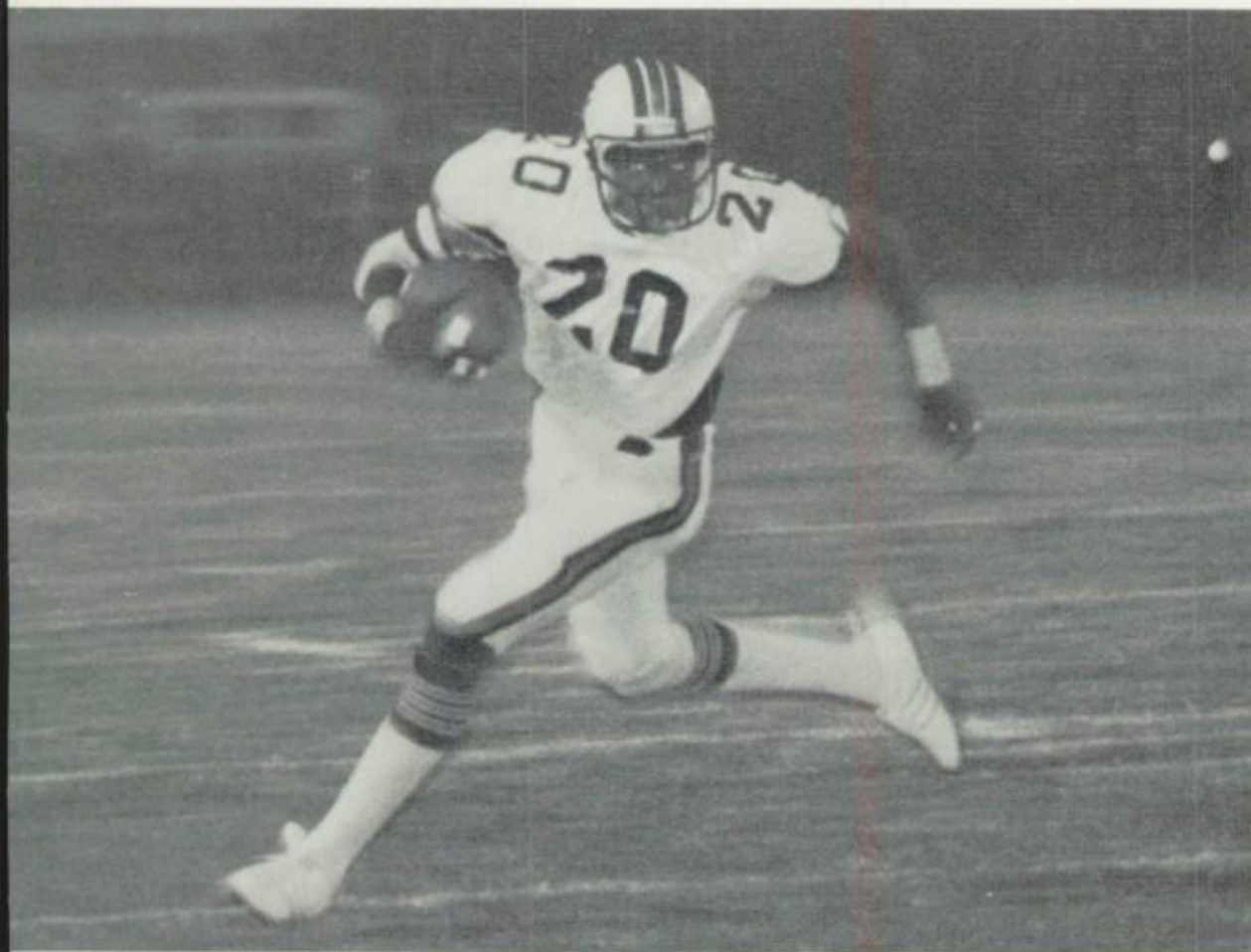
The Eagles struck for revenge against the Midland Bulldogs after the hard fought loss to Permian and won. Eagle fans hoped this might be a good omen for the following week's homecoming festivities and the bout with the powerful Odessa Bronchos who ended up cornering the district title.



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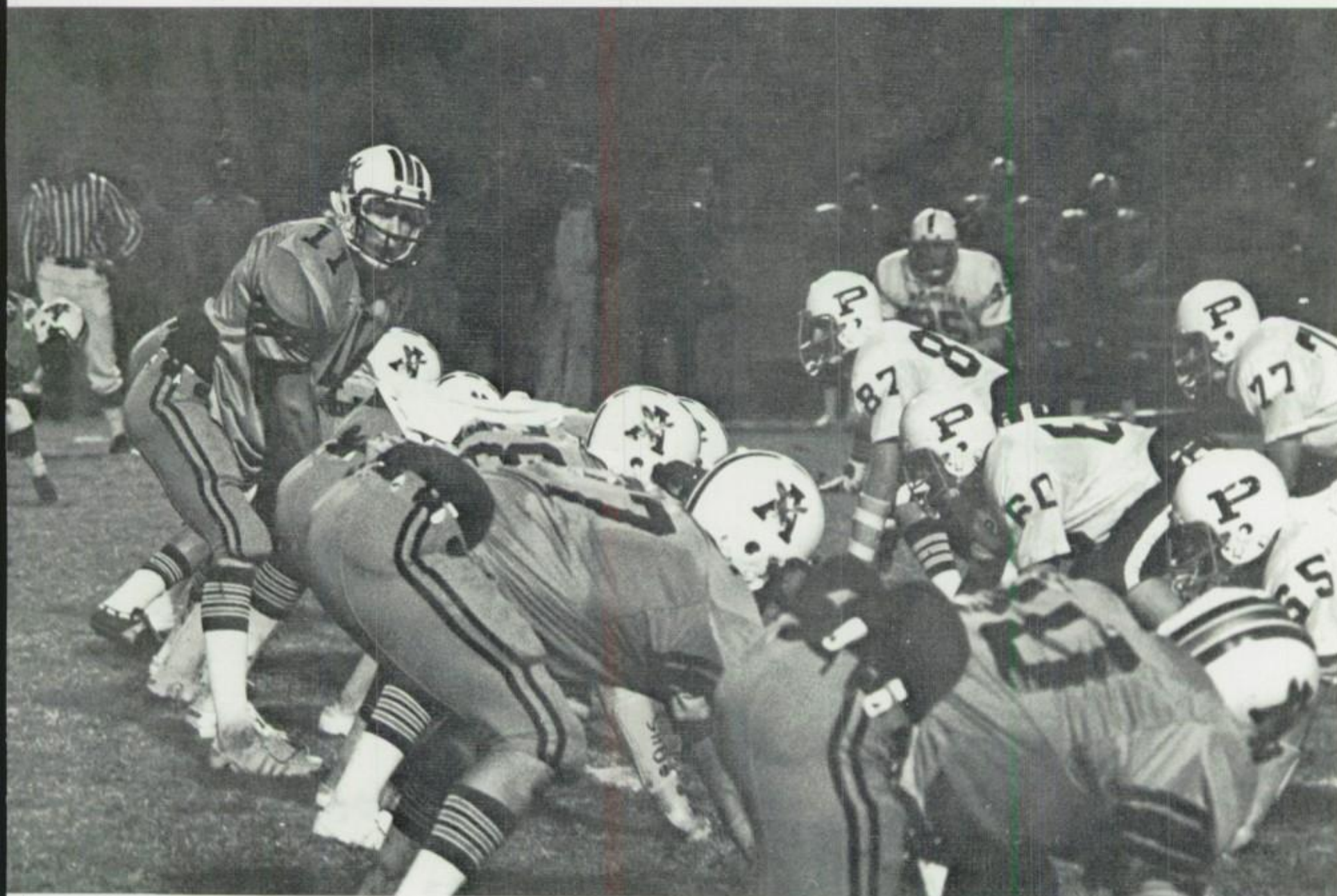


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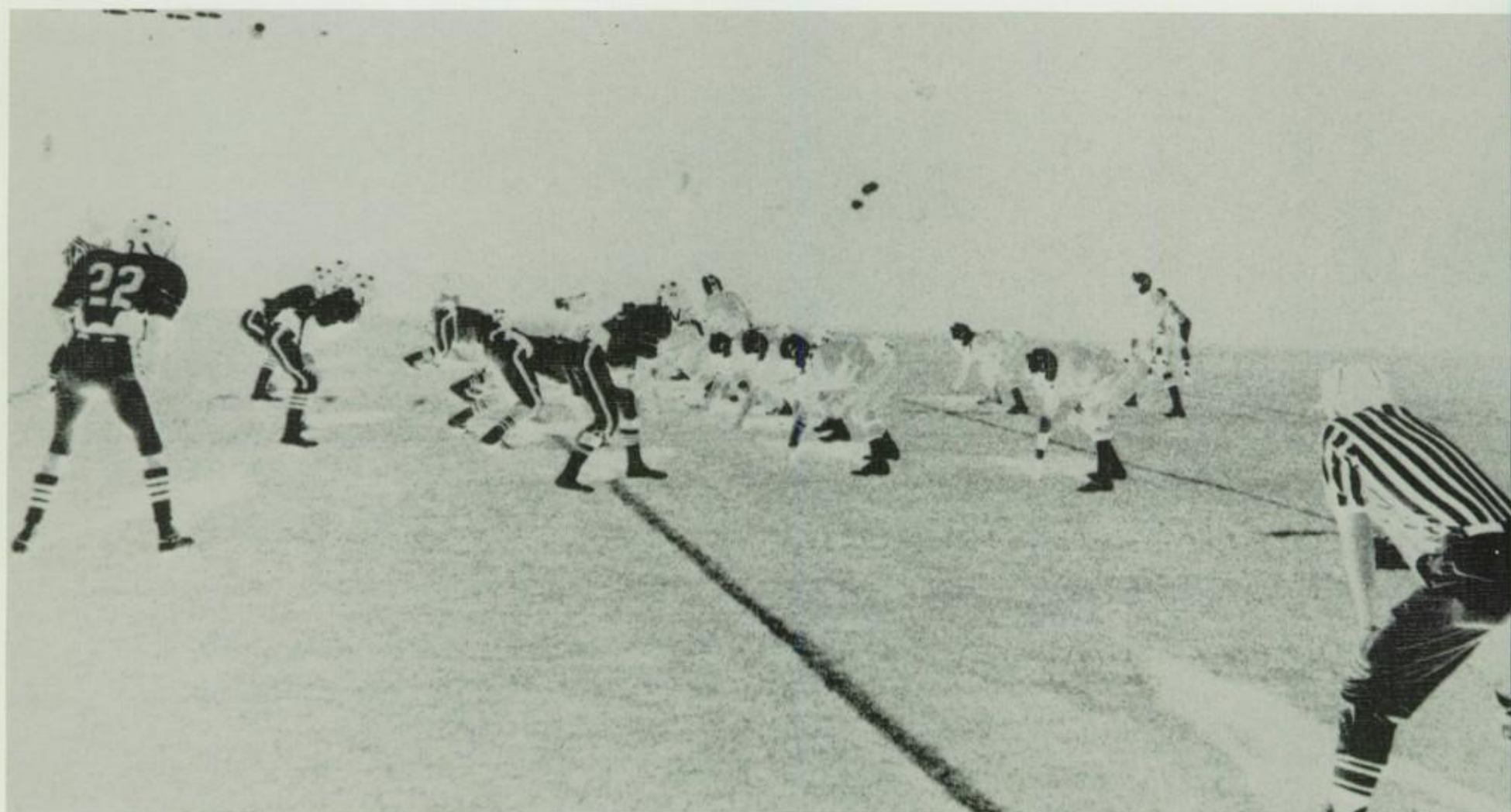


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1. Another point is tacked on by Kent Long in the Eagle's 43-22 rout over Big Springs.
2. The Eagles score against Midland High as Herman Reece triumphantly displays the ball.
3. Valuable yardage is gained as tailback Joe Jones finds running room in the Midland High game.
4. Looking for a receiver in the Permian High game, quarterback Glen Stirman drops back to pass.
5. Lined up against the highly rated Permian Panthers, the Eagle offense is tensely awaiting their quarterback's signal.



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Thriller, disappointments season fans

A share of second place, a shot at the District title, and a homecoming victory in the last 9 seconds—all of this was provided by Kent Long's soccer-style extra point kick that capped off a 65 yard drive during the final 3 minutes of homecoming 1976.

The Eagles faced easily the best player in district when they faced Darell Shepard. The Odessa quarterback found the homestanding Eagles less than hospitable. Although he gained nearly 390 yards of total offense, this was not enough to defeat the team-oriented Eagles. Four Eagles each scored six points. Kent Long kicked for six points and Joe Jones, Herman Reece and Glen Stirman all ran for six points against the heavily favored Bronchos. The victory left the surprising Eagles with a strong three and one district record and still a good shot at the District title.

Too much cold, too much mud, and too much Bobcats provided the Eagles with their second district loss of the year and effectively dropped them for contention for the district title that they had sought.

The Eagle offense was completely stymied. Gaining 71 yards through air and losing six yards on 28 carries rushing, the Eagle offense was without punch.

Coupling a methodical offense with six Eagle turnovers, San Angelo ripped the Eagles for twenty-seven points and a 27-0 district loss.

The next week, Herman Reece, racing 82 yards with a kick off in the third quarter turned out to be the only thing Eagle fans had to cheer about in a 42-14 trouncing administered by the Midland Lee Rebels. The offense ground out an impressive 286 yards on offense only to be out-shone by the Midland Lee compiling 483 yards.





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1. Portrayed in a special effect negative print, the Eagles get set on offense to move down field.
2. Preparing to line up for another play against the San Angelo Bobcats, Denny Harris sets his mind and body for the next move.
3. Establishing the rest of the offensive line, Vance Smith is the first to the line of scrimmage.
4. Leading interference for Reggie Fields going around the right end, Glen Stirman sets up a block.

Snow slows Eagles in Cooper contest as once-bright season slushes to end

Sights of such splendor and beauty have seldom been seen that would compare with what football fans saw at the season's finale against the Cooper Cougars. Snow drifting across from the east mystified and enchanted the Eagle fans in the west stands.

Despite its grandeur, the enchantment and wonder of the snow turned to hints of painful frostbite before the end of the first half. Two inches of snow conditioned the area to be something less than either a plausible football field or a winter wonderland. Without making excuses, many Eagle fans couldn't help but feel that the snow did more to quell their chances of beating long time rival, Cooper, than the Cougars did.

The snow and the ice made it almost impossible for the speed-oriented Eagles to get to the outside, to execute their pass patterns on offense, or to swamp the Cougars with much needed pursuit on defense. Slipping and sliding, the Eagles looked possibly less graceful than they had all season. In this test of mental and physical toughness, the Eagles showed

none of the brilliance that they had hinted at all year.

But despite literally sliding to a 14-0 loss, the Eagle players and coaches deserved an "E" for effort for even staying out on the tundra-like field. The couple of hundred fans who braved the weather for all four quarters also deserved much credit.

These same loyal fans should be well rewarded next year when the Eagles return with 18 varsity Eagles and many more young and strong Eagles trying to shine more consistently than this year's occasionally brilliant team did.

After district play had ended, several players received additional honors. Senior Herman Reese, junior Glen Stirman, and sophomore Ruben Aguirre all made the honorable mention All-District team. Senior Denny Harris in addition to being named All-District, received the Lineman of the Year award from the Abilene Exchange Club and was chosen All-American.

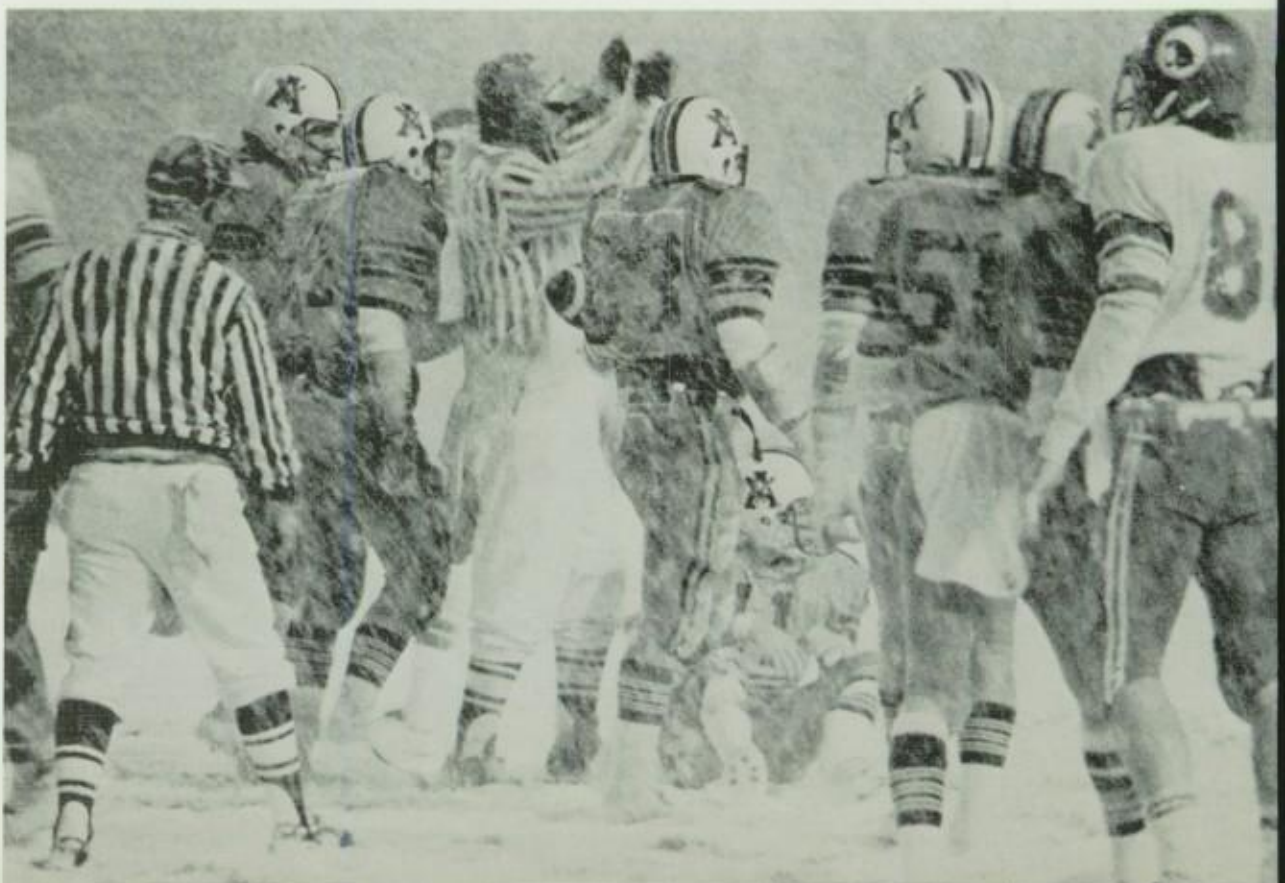


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1. Another Cooper ball carrier is stacked up by Carl Payne for little gain.
2. Number 24, Glenn Shedd, cuts the legs out from under a Cooper ball carrier as Joe Powell pursues.
3. After Glenn Stirman is sacked in the slush again, Eagles find time-outs more and more necessary.



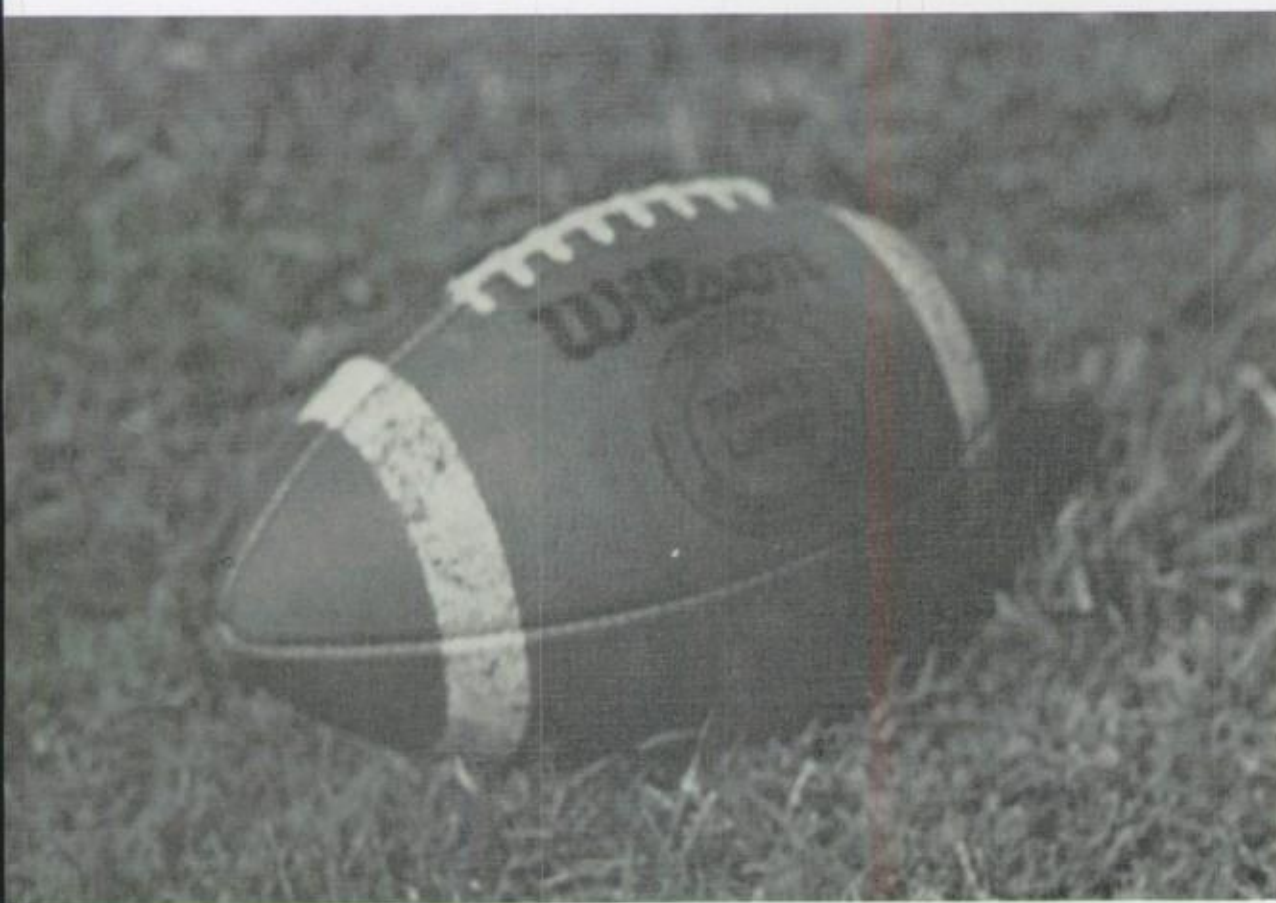
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VARSITY FOOTBALL

OPPONENT	AHS	
Rider	0	39
Stephen F. Austin	28	21
Temple	41	14
Big Spring*	22	43
Permian*	24	14
Midland High*	12	28
San Angelo*	27	0
Odessa*	23	24
Midland Lee*	42	14
Cooper*	14	0

WINS—4 LOSSES—6

*District Games

1. Varsity football. FRONT ROW: Bret Baker, Sam Box, Ruben Aguire, Reggie Fields, Johnny Hargrove, Joe Powell, Larry Lathrop, Ronald Cooper, Ricky Claxton, Jon Halbert, Greg Reece, Mike Lutterell, Dan Shaker. SECOND ROW: Terry Austin, David Butler, Ricky Sanchez, Joe Mayes, Curtis Francis, Steve Lattimore, Vuree Williams, Ivory Phillips, K. D. Roberts, Joe Diggs, Steve Remchussell, Don Lewis. THIRD ROW: Jim Tallant, Glenn Shedd, Larry Talley, Vance Smith, Herman Reece, Larry Barnett, Reggie Hackman, Buddy Hughes, Mark McKeehan, Kent Long. BACK ROW: Robert Comancho, Tracy Doughty, John McClane, Steve Bridges, Glen Stirman, Denny Harris, Joe Jones, Donny Younger, Carl Payne, Clifford Densman.

2. The football is indeed a paradox—a symbol of victory and a constant reminder of loss.

Ignite! Spirit rousers exposed at last

Spirit—such was the famed and illustrious catalyst of many Eagle victories. Now the secret is out! Three main perpetrators seemed to be responsible for the overflow of spirit at Abilene High sporting events: the Bold Gold, cheerleaders, and Eagle Squad. Their efforts did not go without reward.

The Bold Gold offered advantages and disadvantages to its many members. Besides taking up a lot of time during the week and forcing girls to sit out in the inclement weather during the football and baseball games, Bold Gold also kept girls from sitting beside their boyfriends at Bold Gold attended functions. But all was not as bad as it seemed. The close friendships gained through being in Bold Gold often lasted well beyond Bold Gold days. This coupled with the feeling of contributing to the well-being of the school and of cooperating with a host of fine sponsors—Mrs. Denise Kutch, Miss Carolyn Roney, Miss Linda Walker, Ms. Brenda Slagle, Miss Verna Wilson, and Miss Sherry Hansen—made 200 girls anxious to participate.

The second group of spirit rousers, the cheerleaders, sponsored by Mrs. Nancy Noll, was six senior girls who decided during their junior year to accept the responsibility of planning the great pep rallies enjoyed during football season and attending all sports events. The hardest part of cheerleading for some, however, was attending the afterschool “tea parties” known as tryouts. Although tea was not served at these affairs, it was said that enough sweating was done to fill a cup. But all of this was endured for the privilege of representing Abilene High.

Eagle Squad members, the male counterparts of the cheerleaders, did not receive the pleasure of going through tryouts. They simply submitted their names for a ballot and then waited for the general election. This did not mean, however, that they didn't work just as hard after they had been elected. They and their sponsor, Mr. Wes Odell, had the pleasure of staying up until all hours Thursday nights and sometimes into the early hours of Friday mornings to fix up the gym for the next day's pep rally. They also took care of changing the marquee on the corner of 6th and Mockingbird. So now the secret is out. Spirit at Abilene High was caused by its people!



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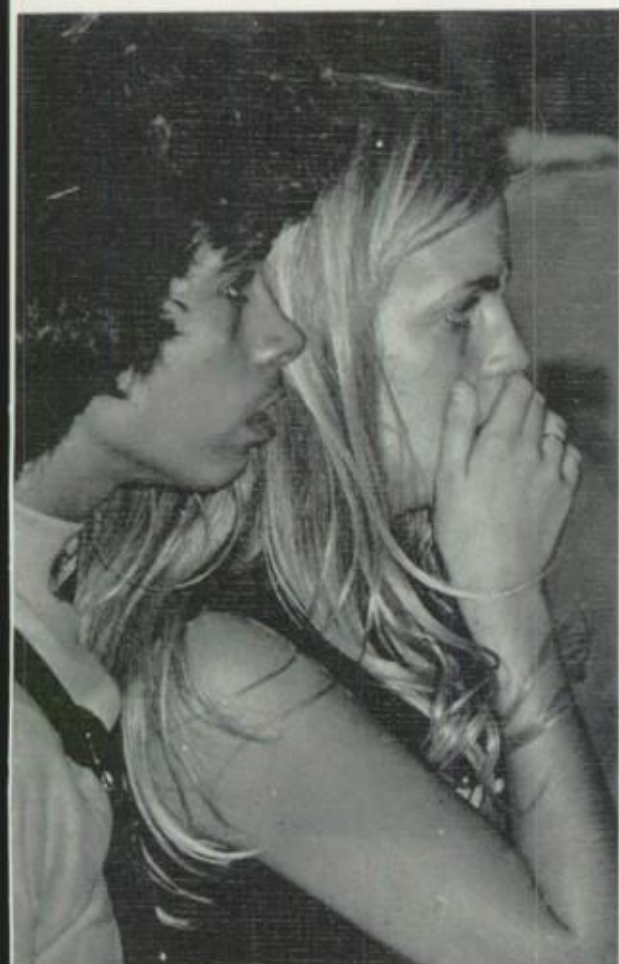
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1. At the Permian basketball game, Cara Sue Sitton, Rhonda Bourland, Theresa Price and the rest of the Bold Gold girls take a rest between yells.

2. Tense moments arise during the Rider game as seen by the expressions of Robert Loza and Carla Irvin.

3. On top of the world, or at least on the top of their sign, are members of the Eagle Squad—Tim Willis, Don Earl Jones, Orie Perez, Bret Cullers, Nick Coats, and Robert Loza.

4. Watching an Eagle defender go down in a tackle, Brenda Steele grimaces at a crucial point in the Big Spring game.

5. Showing unity during the school song are Orie Perez, Carla Irvin, Tim Willis, Cathy Cornish, Robert Loza, and Tracy Andress.

6. **Bold gold leaders.** FRONT ROW: Rhonda Bourland, Annalisa Martin, Marjorie Moss. SECOND ROW: Debbie Fisher, Kathy Scannell, Cara Sue Sitton, Stephanie Elloit, Theresa Price. BACK ROW: Linda Edmundson, Brenda Steele.

7. Enjoying one of the lighter moments of the Odessa game, Rhonda Bourland and Cara Sue Sitton chortle hardily.

8. Posing in a traditional AHS stance are cheerleaders Debra Wood, Carla Irvin, Tracy Andress, Sherry Felts, Cathy Cornish and Barbara Spillers.

insight:

The hard-playing, seldom-noticed life of a junior varsity team and players



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JV BASKETBALL

OPPONENT	AHS	
Wichita Falls	41	35
Southeast High	66	46
Lubbock Coronado	61	38
Wichita Falls Rider	53	54
Brownwood	47	60
Hobbs	83	81
Wichita Falls Rider	61	75
Lubbock Monterey	46	62
Wichita Falls High	79	67
Albany	54	60
Abilene Christian High	50	52
Hamlin	64	55
Merkel	80	83
Big Spring	77	67
Permian	57	60
Midland	87	68
Odessa	60	64
San Angelo	45	47
Midland Lee	101	55
Cooper	39	38
Big Spring	60	65
Permian	58	47
Midland	76	62
Odessa	49	41
San Angelo	50	66

WINS—13, LOSSES—13

*District Games



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What happened to an underclass athlete who was not quite good enough to play on the varsity team? Junior Varsity competition provided a place for him to display his talents. Quickness, poise, speed, mental and physical strength and experience were all cultured into the JV players honing them into the varsity teams of the future.

JV games were not played at the level of competition inherited in varsity games. This is not to say JV's did not take their games seriously. To the JV player his game was the game of the week.

The team spirit that was sometimes lacking at the JV level due to the lack of identity abounded this year. Team spirit was developed two ways—winning and fan support.

Each player looked upon the field or court as a stage upon which he was the star. JV basketball players did not have to worry about whether they would have an audience. Playing before varsity they were guaranteed a large crowd.

JV football players had more to worry about. Playing on Saturday afternoons or mornings in inclement elements, fan support was often at the mercy of the weather. The players could depend upon two groups to show up—the players' girlfriends and their parents.

On the whole this year JV football coach Dub Pierce called fan support "surprisingly good." Rewarding their loyal fans the football JV's fought to a much improved 6-3 record, the JV basketballers to a 7-7 split. JV coaches Dub Pierce and George Forkerway had much to be proud of. In the words of Coach Pierce the JV's were an "outstanding group of kids."



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JV FOOTBALL

OPPONENT	AHS	
San Angelo*	8	12
Brownwood	6	20
Big Spring*	7	24
Permian*	14	6
Midland*	0	22
San Angelo*	2	21
Odessa*	18	20
Midland Lee*	21	14
Cooper*	13	7

WINS—6 LOSSES—3

*District Games



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1. Junior varsity basketball. FRONT ROW: John Yancy. SECOND ROW: Phil Boone, Brooks Boynton, Brad Bailey. THIRD ROW: Buck Land, Greg Favor, Jeff Craig. BACK ROW: Mitch Gassaway, David Wilson, Ross Sparks, Curtis Francis, Derrick Caballero, Kent Favor, George Jackson.

2. Junior varsity football. FRONT ROW: Bobby Brown, Mike Jones, Phil Boone, Joe Marquez, Johnny Lackey, Robert McGinnis, James Hester, Popsie Williams, Craig Bell. SECOND ROW: Steven Mitchell, Les Bruce, Dee McGlothlin, Kelly Holloway, Bryon Simpson, Greg Etter, Dwayne Houlihan, David Armendariz, Chonning Ashenfelter, Chipper Lyons, Steve Higgins, Gregg Wilson, Glenn Owen. BACK ROW: Darrell Balou, Jimmy Garza, Jerry Newton, Rob Skinner, Richard Flores, Darrel Smith, Andrew Jerige, Marty Burleson, David Agnew, David Perry, Russell Middleton, Brad Faulkner, Danny Cole.

3. Awaiting their chance to be called in the game, Jerry Newton, Bryon Simpson, Dee McGlothlin, James Hester, Chipper Lyons and Joe Marquez converse about possible plays.

4. Overcoming an opponent, Ross Sparks aims for added points in the Cooper game.

5. Another possible victory is dreamed of as David Perry kicks off with Phil Boone holding the ball.

6. Surrounded by the Cooper defense, Brad Bailey weaves through for possible points.

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Boynton whips young Eagles into shape

A conversation between a newspaper reporter and Abilene High coach James "Tater"

Boynton might have gone like this:

"Coach, how are things shaping up this year?"

"Well Mark, I can't really say much about the team so far. We've worked real hard this past summer but we just don't have the tremendous talent that some of the other teams in district have."

"Coach, who do you think will win district this year?"

"That's hard to say, Mark. So many of the teams are extremely tough."

"How do you think that your team will do this season, Coach?"

"Well, we're going to just have to do our best and try to win our first game."

"Thank you Coach."

"You bet Mark, anytime."

A typical preseason interview with Coach James Boynton tended to make a reporter think that Boynton's team would be doing well to show up on the right court, much less win the basketball game.

But then, he went about his own way and whipped his group of young men into a well-coached, winning basketball machine. A fine, enthusiastic basketball player during his own playing days, Coach Boynton had the talent to get the most from his players. Entering his third year as AHS head basketball coach, Boynton showed that enthusiasm.



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1. Going for two, Byron Roberts takes a shot against the Odessa Bronchos.
2. Half-time at AHS finds Eagles Danny Washington, Winston Wiley, Byron Roberts, Mark Pierce, and David Little relaxing before the continuation of grueling play.
3. Catching the Bronchos off-guard, Slick Hines finds himself wide open for an easy lay-up as Cisco Smith positions himself for a possible rebound.
4. Shooting from the baseline, David Little takes a shot to increase the Warbirds' lead.
5. Backing the roundballers at another home game, fans and Eagle Squad members Orie Perez, Nick Coates, and Bret Cullers urge a free throw through the hoop.
6. Hurling the ball over a Permian player, David Little goes for two points.



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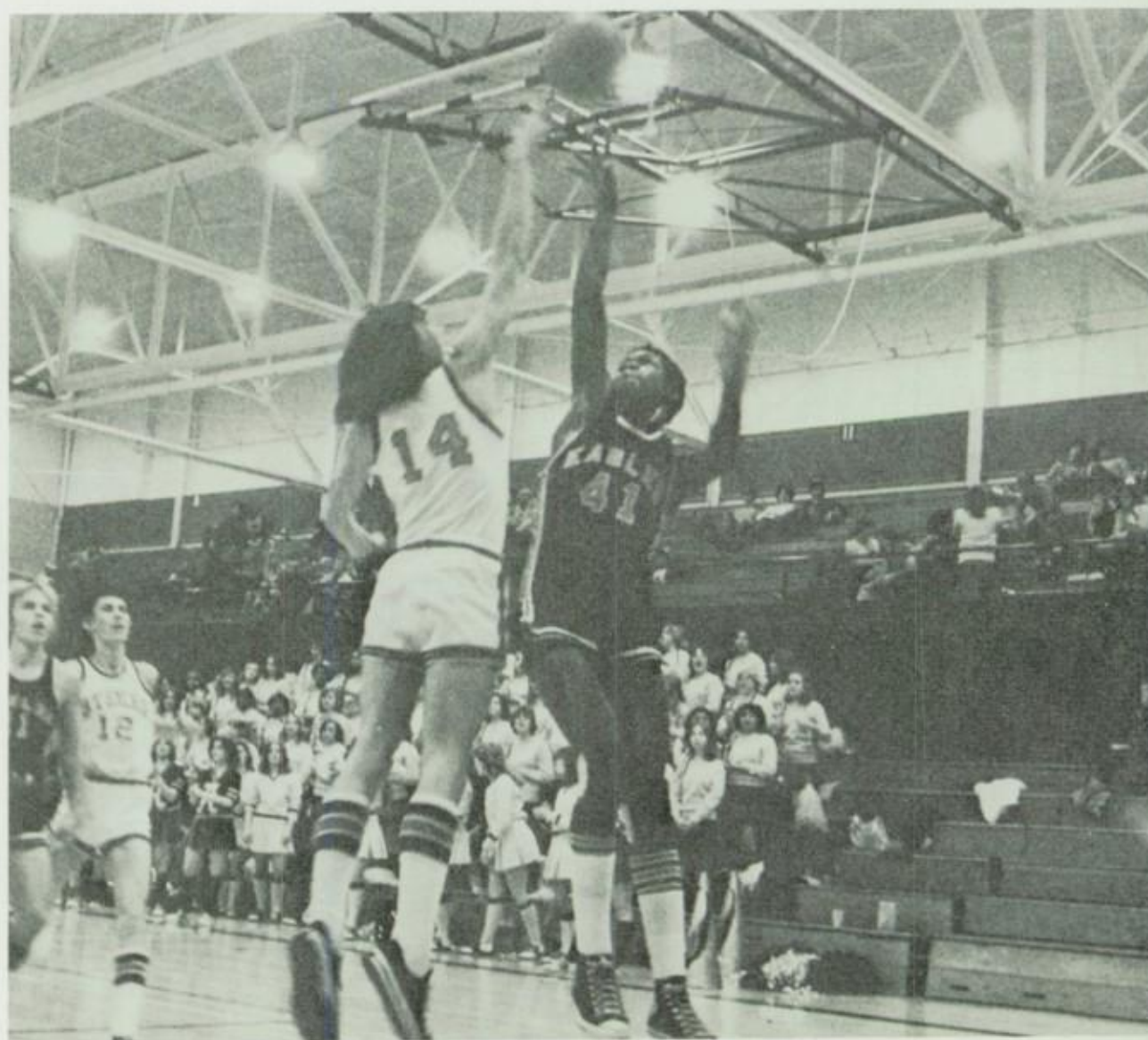
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Winning—a tradition

Perhaps the most rich of Abilene High's many rich sports traditions, at least most recently, was in basketball. Even before Coach Boynton came to AHS there was a certain distinction about being the basketball team from Abilene High.

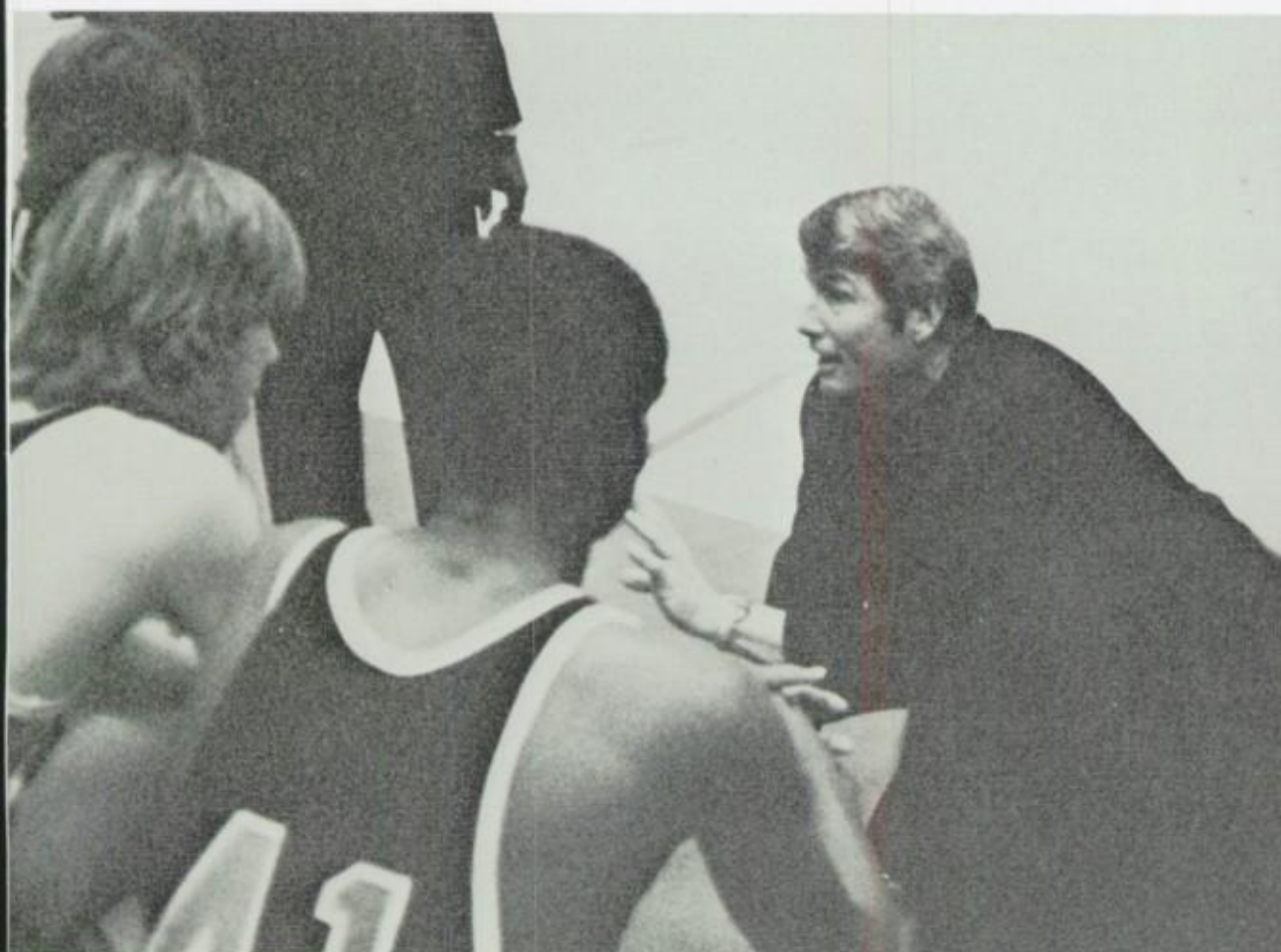
Abilene High has not always had the tallest, fastest, best shooting, or even the winningest teams, but AHS has always had the proudest of any team in state.

Pride may not always win basketball games, although some will say it has, but it has produced for the AHS basketball teams a loyal army of fans who love to watch their team win just one more time.

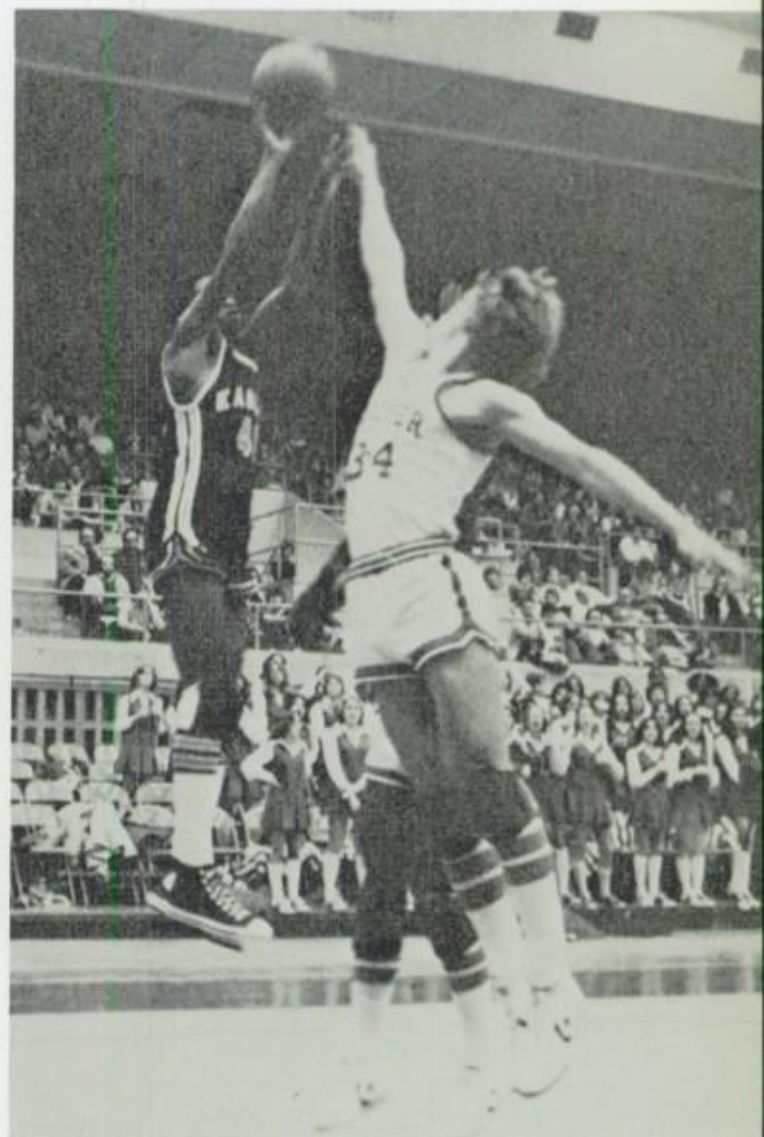


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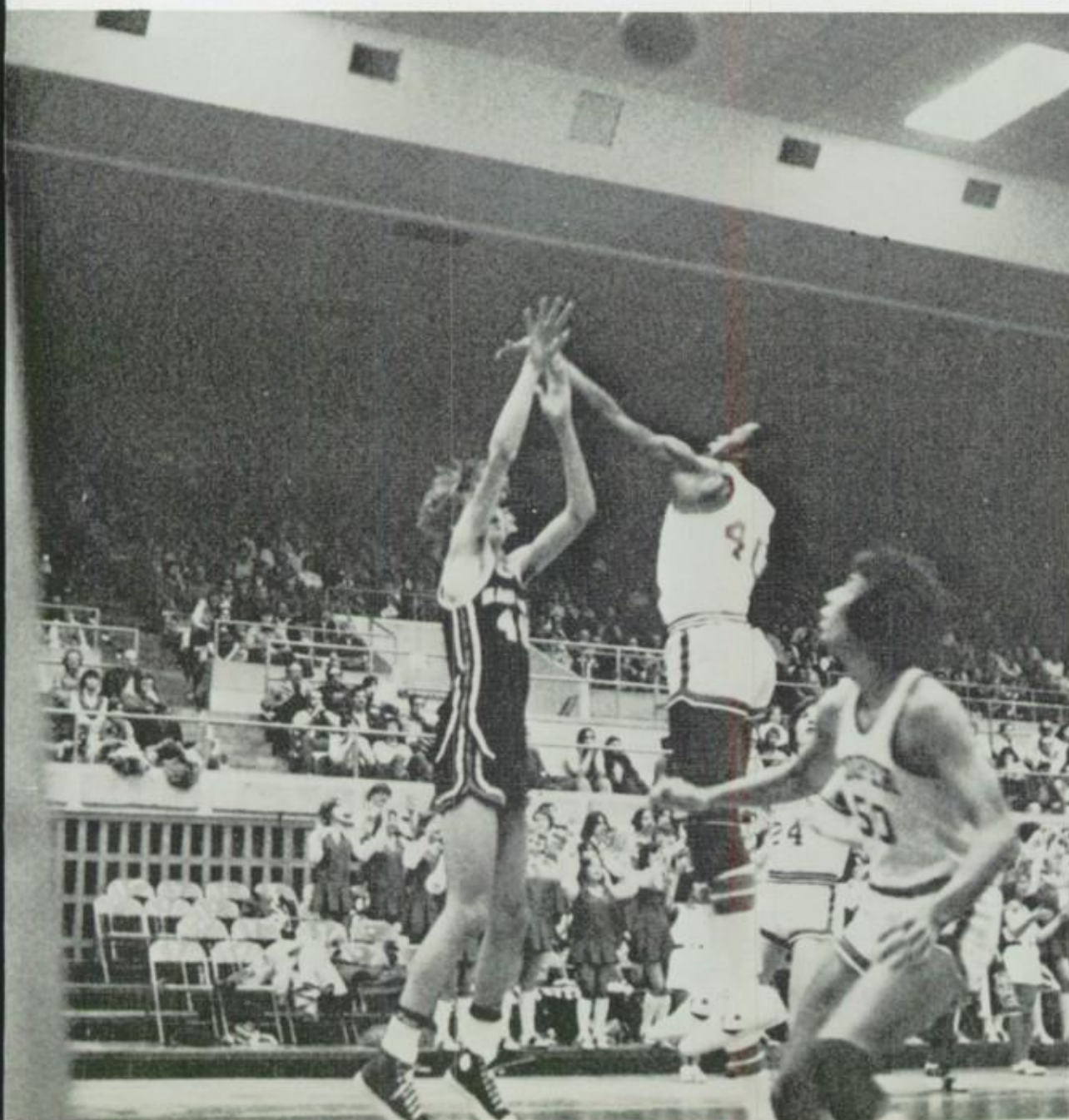
1. **Basketball B team.** James Foster, Mike Ray, Angel Beneavedes, Tommy Baldwin, Curtis Hubbard, Kerry Munson, Kenneth Hampton, Reggie Thomas, Herbert City, Ricky Fields.
2. Making points is the only thing on Slick Hines' mind as he takes the opportunity to score in the San Angelo game.
3. Time out! Coach Boynton has devised a new plan.
4. Up and over a Cougar defender Byron Roberts carries out a baseline shot.
5. Showing his style, Byron Roberts shoots for a sure one.
6. Opportunity knocks for a field goal, and David Little takes advantage of it as he shoots over a Cooper defender.
7. Concentration and determination are key factors as Byron Roberts evades a Cooper defender to go for the coveted two.



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Taste of victory left next years team

The sports writers poll said the Eagles would finish no better than seventh in district, but the Eagles proved them wrong by beating Midland, Odessa, and San Angelo, 74-57, 97-70, 67-56, respectively. This put them in a tie for fourth in the first half, three above the predictions.

Always being a definite contender, the Eagles nevertheless started off the second half of district play by averaging two losses. In their first game, the Warbirds went over 100 enroute to a 109-83 thrashing of the Big Spring Steers. Mystical Mojo's magic failed as the Eagles outscored the Panthers and held off a late rally to overpower Permian and take a 76-74 decision.

Winning seemed to be a habit as the roundballers came from behind to edge the Midland Bulldogs 61-58. Keeping the winning streak going, the Eagles subdued the Odessa Bronchos 66-62 to bring their record to 4-0 for the second half of district. But Fate was unkind to the Eagles. They dropped the last three games to San Angelo (52-50), Midland Lee (72-65), and Cooper (55-53). Still, the season was far above the one predicted for the young squad that started only one senior. And next year that squad will be seasoned with experience for victory.



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VARSITY BASKETBALL

OPPONENT	AHS	
Big Spring	71	63
Permian	69	62
Midland	57	74
Odessa	70	97
San Angelo	56	67
Midland Lee	75	72
Cooper	57	49
Big Spring	83	109
Permian	74	76
Midland	58	61
Odessa	62	66
San Angelo	52	50
Midland Lee	72	65
Cooper	55	53

WINS—7, LOSSES—7



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1. Wide open, Danny Washington tries to catch the attention of a teammate who is in trouble.
2. Firing the ball for more points, Byron Roberts goes over a Cooper defender.
3. **Varsity basketball. FRONT**
ROW: Mark Pierce, Slick Hines, Mark Edwards, Danny Washington. BACK ROW: Darren Edwards, Cisco Smith, Terry Clark, David Little, Winston Wiley, Byron Roberts.
4. Looking, the man inside, Mark Edwards, gets ready to pass off the ball.
5. Adding to the Eagles' total, Byron Roberts shoots over the waiting hands of Cooper's Dennis Bradford.

Girl roundballers organize first team

There is a first time for everything, and this year was the first year Abilene High had a girls basketball team.

We didn't have a varsity squad since it was the first year, but instead we competed with a JV and B team. Next year a varsity and junior varsity will officially compete with other schools.

"We didn't have a district schedule as such," Coach Verna Wilson explained. "We just played the teams in district, but we will have an official district schedule next year."

The JV team, being inexperienced, ended the season with 10 wins and 13 losses, but is expected to do much better next year with more seasoned players, most of whom were only juniors this year.

The B team didn't fare as well, losing 8 out of 8 games.

What did the team achieve this first year? They won consolation at the Snyder Tournament, and members Tisha Murray and Lela Hines were selected to the All Tournament Team in the Key City Tournament.



GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

OPPONENT	AHS	
San Angelo	31	42
Wylie	48	44
Odessa High	36	45
Cooper High	42	37
Odessa Permian	11	27
Wylie	53	19
Abilene Christian High	42	44
Midland Lee	42	28
Wylie	51	36
Big Spring	46	48
Odessa Permian	28	58
Midland Lee	62	37
Sweetwater	22	44
Midland Lee "B"	25	35
San Angelo	31	41
Midland Lee	44	39
Midland High	49	17
Big Spring	58	40
Cooper High	48	28
Abilene Christian High	41	49
Midland High	59	28
Midland Lee	57	25
Odessa High	55	54

WINS—10, LOSSES—13



GIRLS B TEAM BASKETBALL

OPPONENT	AHS	
San Angelo	32	28
Cooper	32	8
Big Spring	34	28
San Angelo	31	29
Midland Lee	46	15
Big Spring	31	25
Cooper	62	21
Midland High	53	15

WINS—0, LOSSES—8



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1. After making a decisive move, Tisha Murray takes the open shot.
2. **B team.** FRONT ROW: Estella Garcia, Jamie Farmer, Sheila Gilmore, Toni Cotman. BACK ROW: Cindy Houston, Terri McLean, Carol Reyes, Carla Williams, Betty Dudley, Carol Simpson.
3. **Junior varsity team.** FRONT ROW: Belinda Burnette, Ms. Verna Wilson (coach), Lela Hines, Cynthia Stevenson. SECOND ROW: Robin Brewster, Jackie Francis, Brenda Mathews, Tisha Murray, Lin Roberts. BACK ROW: Jana Miller, Sharon Leathers, LuAnne Williams, Janis Clements, Penni Whisenhunt.
4. Showing her skill in rebounding, Cynthia Stevenson jumps high for the ball.
5. With only one thing in mind, Tisha Murray goes for the points.



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1. **Junior varsity volleyball.** FRONT ROW: Jonni Beth Hughes, Miss Carolyn Roney (coach), Christy Higgins. SECOND ROW: Anna Muzechenko, Lori Smith. THIRD ROW: Gloria Estrada, Joyce Schwartz, Sharon Burnett. FOURTH ROW: Tracie Johnson, Juanita Costella. FIFTH ROW: Paula Balanciere, Becky Lacky. BACK ROW: Karen Baker.

2. Giving full vent to her enthusiasm at the emotion-packed Cooper game, Tisha Murray stands up and cheers while Belinda Burnett tenses for the next play.

3. **Varsity volleyball.** FRONT ROW: Mary White, Karen Ellison, Myra Oxford. SECOND ROW: Joanne Gray. THIRD ROW: Betty Byrd, Lela Hines, Mary Cruise, Pennye White, Miss Linda Walker (coach). BACK ROW: Carolina Estrada.

4. Sizing up the situation, Pennye White gets ready to serve.



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VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

AHS vs Arlington	7-15	3-15	
AHS vs Lamar	5-15	10-15	
AHS vs Colorado City	15-10	10-15	15- 4
AHS vs Colorado City	15- 7	14-12	
AHS vs Sweetwater	5-15	15-13	10-12
AHS vs *Big Spring	3-15	9-15	
AHS vs *Permian	11-15	10-15	
AHS vs *Midland	6-15	5-15	
AHS vs *Odessa	15-17	15-13	8-15
AHS vs *San Angelo	12-15	3-15	
AHS vs *Lee	9-15	15- 8	11-15
AHS vs *Cooper	9-15	15-10	9-15
AHS vs *Big Spring	10-15	10-15	
AHS vs *Permian	5-15	3-15	
AHS vs *Midland	4-15	7-15	
AHS vs *Odessa	13-15	10-15	
AHS vs *San Angelo	7-15	6-15	
AHS vs *Lee	10-15	10-15	
AHS vs *Cooper	15-11	14-16	15- 9

WINS—10, LOSSES—34

*District Games

JV Season Record 0-19

Win over Coogs tops volleyball season

Bumping. Setting. Serving. Spiking. These were the basic skills Miss Linda Walker tried to teach 20 Abilene High coeds, members of the Abilene High volleyball team. The varsity team consisted of eight hard spiking women, while 12 vigorous underclasswomen ably served on the junior varsity.

The varsity worked especially hard on learning different offenses and varied defenses. The junior varsity, being a proving ground for the younger girls, stressed overcoming rivalry among the individual girls who were trying to impress the coaches and make the big step from the junior varsity to the varsity.

A full round-robin schedule was played with other member teams of district 5-AAAA during the first trimester. Midland High won this competition, but AHS was rewarded with a final victory over cross-town rival, Cooper High.

The girls competed under the University Interscholastic League rules.

After the regular season had passed, the second trimester was used to stress individual skills. In order to get the girls in better shape for this rigorous sport, the third and final trimester was used for conditioning.

The girls played a brand of volleyball known as "power" volleyball. Playing this particular type of volleyball was especially helpful to the girls who aspired to play college volleyball for two reasons. First, some of the better quality players are often offered scholarships for their skills. Second, the girls who did play college level volleyball would be well versed in the rules and well skilled in the mechanics and maneuvers of the game.

The co-captains of the team also happened to be the only seniors on the team. Lela Hines and Mary Cruse, the co-captains, lettered twice. Lela brought additional glory to Abilene High by being named Honorable Mention All-District.



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New coach leads netters to state rank

Coach Jerry Ticer came to Abilene High School with many goals. Some were accomplished and some were not. According to Coach Ticer, his main goal was "to get ranked in state as a team."

First the team needed to do well in regional competition. AHS was destined to do well, and they finished fourth in district which qualified them for the state team tournament in Midland. AHS was barely beaten by Permian in the semifinals. The score was 9-9, but the Panthers won by the total amount of games won. At the state tournament the racketers met Odessa Permian again, and the final outcome was determined by the number of sets won; matches were tied at 9-9 again; Permian won and AHS was ranked twelfth in state.

Coach Ticer came to Abilene from the Amarillo area, his place of employment for a year after he graduated from West Texas State in Canyon where he received his BS. He worked one year as a tennis coach for an Amarillo Jr. High, and then he coached at Palo Duro Camp and was tennis pro at Amarillo Tennis center for one summer. The qualifications definitely met the standards needed to coach for AHS.

The team was involved in several tournaments in the fall. Among them were team tournaments as well as individual tournaments. The team traveled to Andrews for the Andrews Team tournament, to Odessa for regionals, and to Midland for the state tournament. AHS hosted the Abilene Halloween Tournament.



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1. Spectators and AHS teammates watch as the warbirds play Permian in a dual match.
2. Following a loss Gene McKenzie walks off the courts with a look of disappointment.
3. **Varsity tennis.** FRONT ROW: Tammy Ussery, Regina Ball, Kris Barnett, Grace DePew, Malene McMillan, Gretchen Watson, Maureen Scanlon, Suzy Gaines, Naka Hernandez, Kassie Eastburn, BACK ROW: Bill Scanlon (manager), David Rios, Paul Rivera, Chong Jaynes, Randy Rohlfs, Bill Dawley (trainer), Mr. Jerry Ticer (coach), Kevin Long, Randy Owen, Gene McKenzie, Ky Cauble, Kenny Merchant, Gary Scanlon, Mike Redwine, Mike Long.
4. Putting it away, Mike Redwine hits as overhead smash for a winner.
5. With perfect form, Ky Cauble returns a backhand shot.

VARSITY TENNIS

OPPONENT		AHS
Permian*	15	3
Midland Lee*	9	9
Odessa High*	6	12
Big Spring*	6	12
Midland*	17	1
San Angelo*	13	5
Cooper*	17	1

WINS-2, LOSSES-4, TIES-1

*District Games



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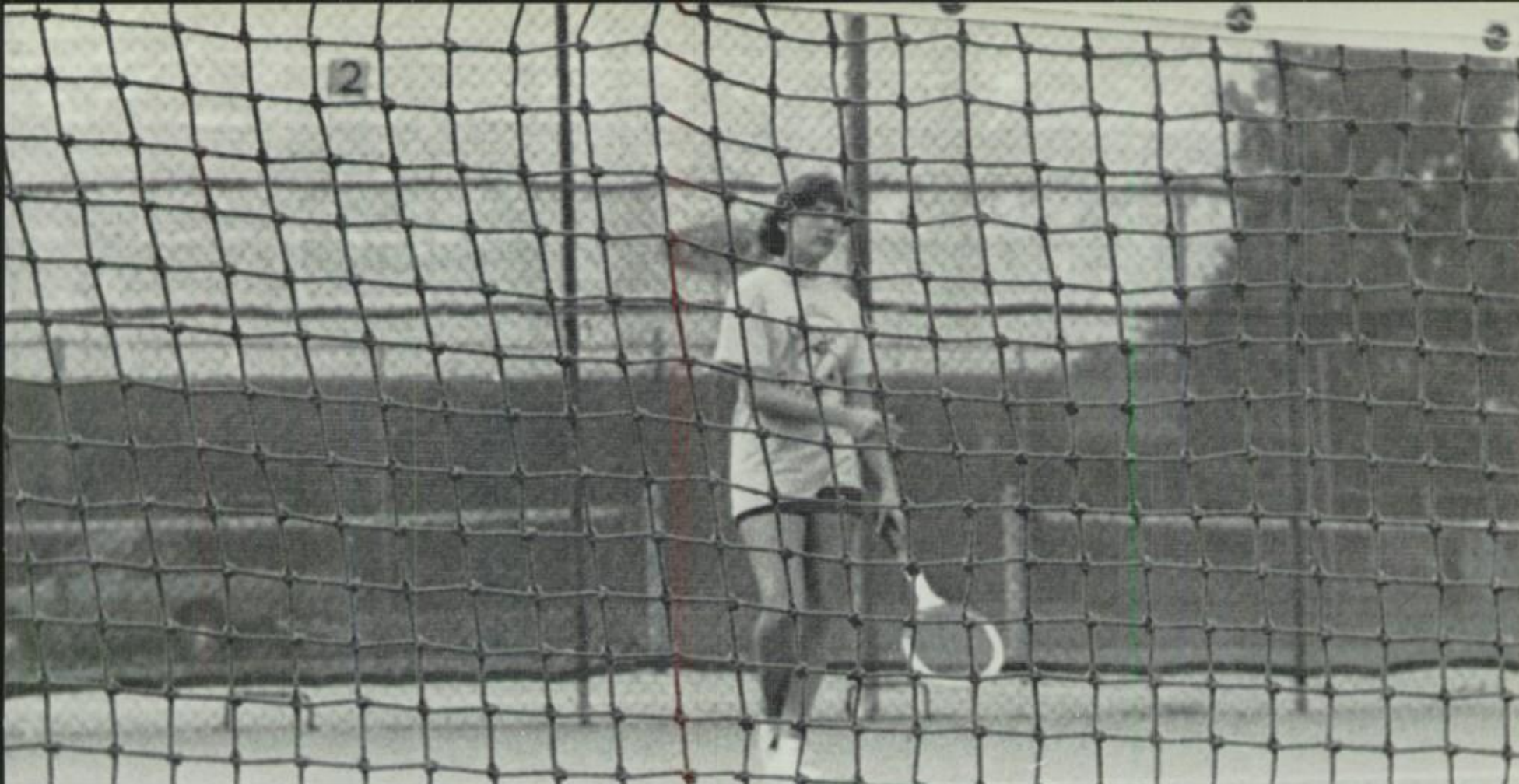


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1. Angling his volleys, David Rios perfects his net game.
2. Retrieving an overhead smash, Kevin Long hustles back to hit a backhand lob.
3. Grasping the opportunity to rest, Annette Rhodes waits for her opponent.
4. **Junior Varsity tennis.** FRONT ROW: Darla Simpson, Kathleen Thompson, Kathy Martin, Diane Ferguson, Marchelle Brown, Michelle Derrick, Cathy Stueller, Rose Gonzales. BACK ROW: Darren Whalen, Bryan Lawrence, Paul Allen, Elisio Martinez, Glen Caldwell, Phillip Scott, David Andrews, Bill Hanson, Mark Jordan, James Atkins.
5. With an unusual stroke, Chong Jaynes keeps the ball in play.
6. Determined not to let the ball pass her, Kassie Eastburn stretches to return it as Naka Hernandez looks on.
7. Returning a shot, Maureen Scanlon forces a powerful forehand to her opponent's deuce court.



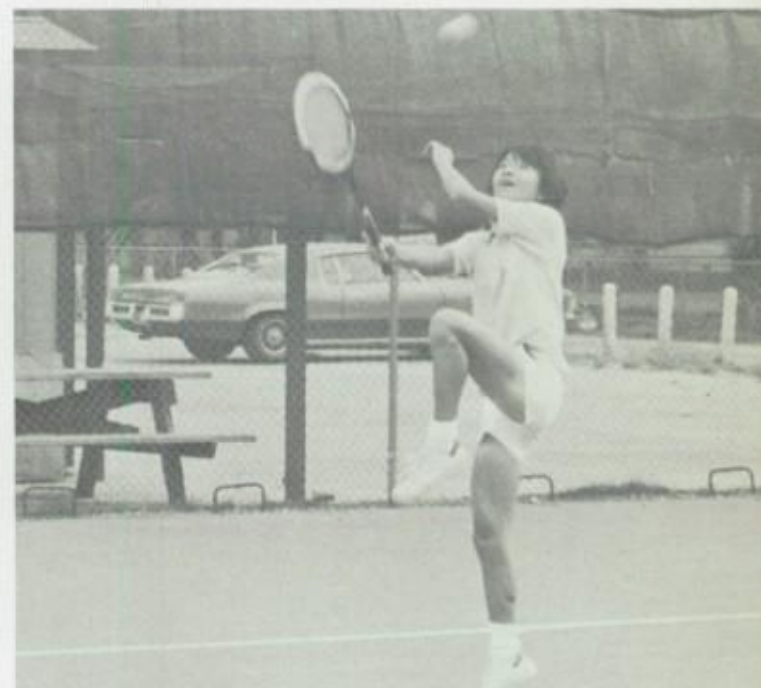
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Springtime brings individuals success

With five returning lettermen on the boys team and three on the girls team, the tennis team finished sixth in the District 5-A AAAA round-robin dual matches. In competition against the top two teams in state AHS wasn't very successful and ended with a 2-5 record. Midland Lee edged the Eagles by winning more sets, only after matches were tied at 9-9.

Although the team wasn't very successful as a team in tournaments, some individuals were. Ace tennis player Ky Cauble finished second in district, losing to last year's state finalist David Zimmerman of Cooper. Placing, however, qualified him for regionals. Ky also won first at the Andrews High School Tournament and second at the Lubbock Invitational.

Juniors Kevin Long and Mike Redwine formed a successful doubles team for AHS, and took first place at the Amarillo Relays and second in the Abilene Invitational. Kassie Eastburn and Maureen Scanlon also performed well in tournament play. They acquired second place finishes in girls doubles at the San Angelo High School Tournament and the Amarillo Relays.

This year Abilene High tennis lost four of its top boys, but lost no girls. Coach Ticer expects next year to be even better.



7

New coach finds success in first year

Abilene High School has always had a great athletic program, but one major sport was not included until last year . . . gymnastics. Gymnastics can best be described as the art of body control, balance and deep concentration.

Coach Sam Siedel worked with the Abilene High School Gymnastics team since August of last year. The team worked out 7th period and after school every day. Coach Siedel also brought a group of Eagle-to-be gymnasts from the junior highs to work out with the varsity team each afternoon.

Great team spirit and determination saw the girls team to 5th place all around in district and 4th in regionals.

The team was very fortunate to have a few individuals who proved themselves outstanding this year. Eddie Weaver qualified for state on rings. Bob Pemberton qualified on long horse and floor exercises. Wayne Pritt qualified on the long horse. Barbara Spillers, third place all around at regionals, qualified for the state meet on the uneven bars, vault, and floor exercises. This year's state meet was held in San Angelo. For a team just getting started, the gymnasts did very well and were very organized. The gymnasts hope for an even better team next year.



GYMNASTICS

OPPONENT	AHS
<i>Weatherford</i>	
Men 37.10	Men 87.10
Women 69.95	Women 79.10
<i>Trinity</i>	
Men 124.25	Men 126.51
Women 96.00	Women 94.70
<i>Odessa</i>	
Men 121.85	Men 152.85
Women 103.98	Women 90.79
<i>Permian</i>	
Men 117.3	Men 109.2
Women 93.35	Women 55.90
<i>Snyder</i>	
Women 96.4	Women 94.6
<i>Ector</i>	
Men 80.00	Men 69.5
<i>Austin LBJ</i>	
Men 117.5	Men 108.9
Women 74.5	Women 68.7

WINS-5, LOSSES-8.





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1. Helping JoAnne Lomas practice her balance beam routine, Connie Neff and Barbara Spillers spot her.
2. Looking for what needs improvement, Coach Seidel watches Wayne Pritt go through his horizontal bar exercise.
3. Concentration is really the key to success Barbara Spillers discovers.
4. Perfection of performance is Hayden Large's concern as he practices his horizontal bar exercise.
5. **Gymnastics team.** FRONT ROW: Tammy Cook, Leslie Brown, Christi Sims, Leah Thomason, Debbie Dowell, JoAnne Lomas, Connie Neff. SECOND ROW: Kelly O'Brien, Cecilia Davis, Velvet Bailey, Charon Worthing, Jamie Fuller, Barbara Spillers, Trina Hollums, Denise Pointer, Rena Simmons. BACK ROW: Eddie Weaver, George Newman, Wayne Pritt, Bob Pimperton, Mr. Sam Seidel (coach), Nelson Coates, Luis Quesada, James Higgins, Hayden Large.



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Swim goals realized with hard work

Capturing a total of 73 first place individual events and a total of 52 second place individual events, the AHS swim team set new records for Abilene High in both diving and swimming. Terry Sandefur broke the school record for number of points in diving, and Caryl McGlothlin the record for 100 back stroke.

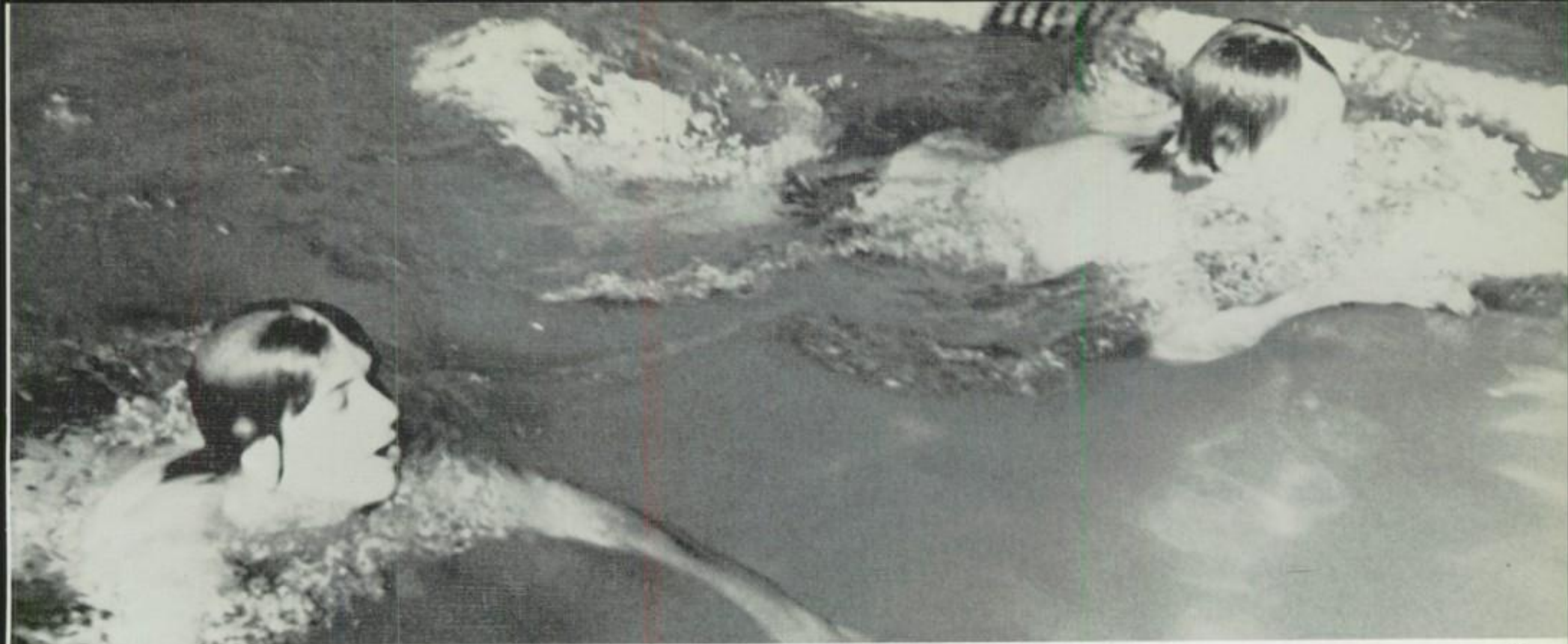
These accomplishments, however, did not come without much hard work. Swimming the length of the pool back and forth more times than a non-swimmer can imagine must have even seemed to stretch to infinity before the practiced swimmer got to rest when finished.

During an average season workout, the swimmer had to swim distances equal to approximately 40 lengths of a football field. Usually, there were two workouts a day. Imagine getting up at 5:30 a. m., arriving at the YMCA swimming pool at around 6:30 a. m., jumping into ice-cold water eliciting a feeling much like that of a cold shower, and working out for about an hour—during which 4,000 yards of water were covered. Later on in the day—seventh period to be exact—the athlete had to go to the pool again and swim anywhere from 4,000 to 6,000 yards more. This brought the total distance that a varsity swimmer swam in one day to between 8,000 and 10,000 yards—80 to 100 football fields. Wow!

A diver didn't have to do all that swimming. Some people might even think he had it easy—he didn't have to push himself to make that last length of the pool and get a well-deserved rest. Instead, he got to rest after every dive. But he did have to try and improve on his bad dives which wasn't as hard physically perhaps, but mentally, involved the strain of going through the dive being worked on and doing it over and over again until it was perfected.

Swimming accomplishments definitely involved hard work.





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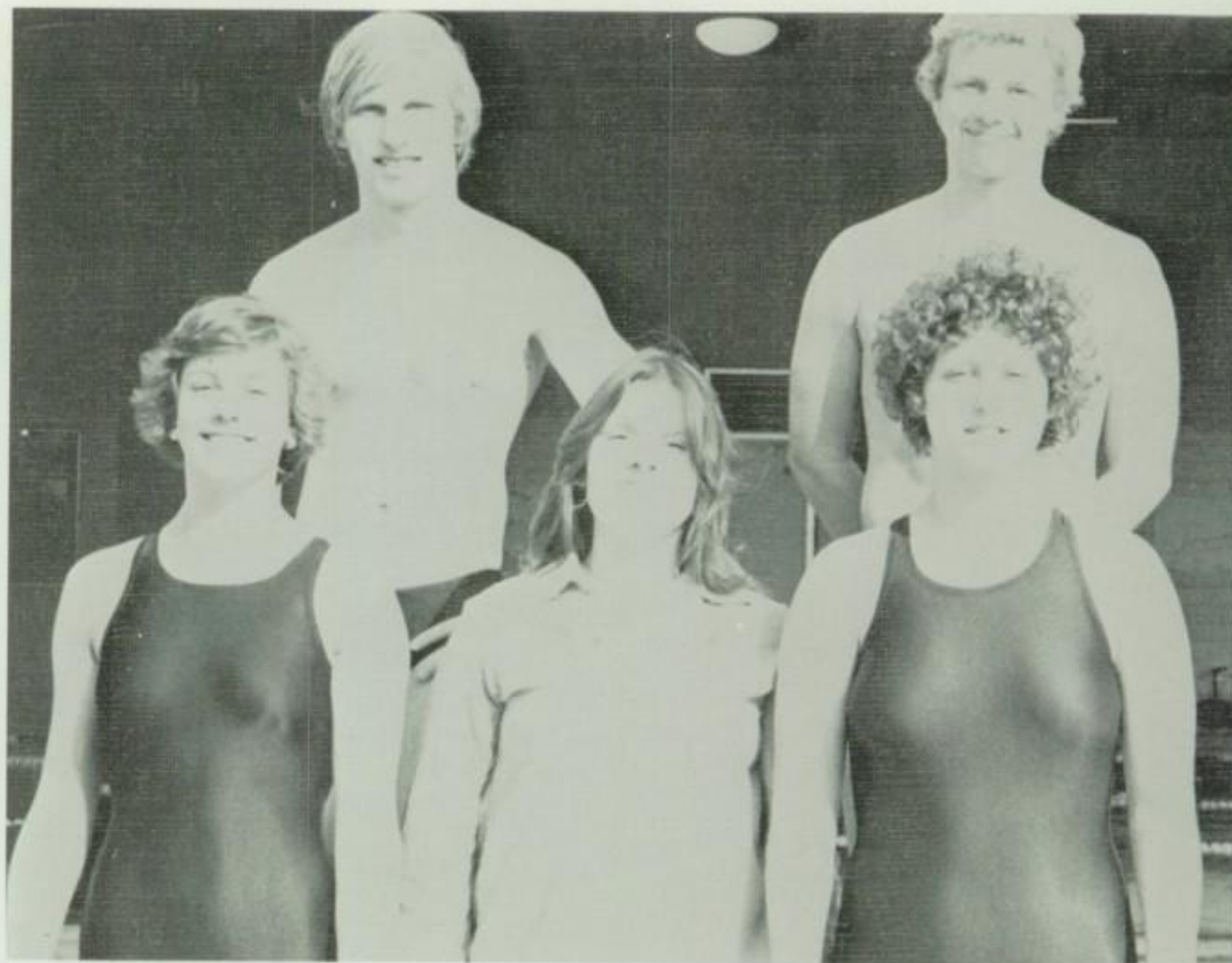
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1. Getting a quick start is Steve Price's top priority as he anticipates the signal.
2. Using their best stroke, Tim Crowe and Rob Rankin swim one of the many lengths of the pool during workouts.
3. **Girls swim team.** Melinda McLeskey, Eugene Herold, Donna Frodge, Caryl McGlothlin.
4. **Boys swim team.** FRONT ROW: Steve Price, Terry Sandefur, Ray Janeway. BACK ROW: Kurt Terry, Tim Crowe, Mark Bennett, Rob Rankin, David Kinder, Steve Fenner, Bill Bishop.
5. High Scoring diver Terry Sandefur shows how it's done.
6. Amid busy preparations for daily practice, Coach Beverly Ball pauses to smile.

VARSITY SWIMMING

OPPONENT		AHS
Eastern Hills	561/2	881/2
Lubbock Monterrey	110	52
Lubbock Coronado	99	56
Wichita Falls Rider	47	92
San Angelo	123	37
Andrews	115	53

WINS-2, LOSSES-4



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1. Swim team captains. FRONT ROW: Caryl McGlothlin, Vickie Goode (manager), Donna Frodge. BACK ROW: David Kinder, Terry Sandefur.
2. A rigorous day at the San Angelo Dual Meet finds Caryl McGlothlin asleep between events.
3. In preparation for regionals, Caryl McGlothlin back strokes.
4. Thinking only of improving her time, Sarah Crowe practices her back stroke.
5. Speed is on the top of David Kinder's list.
6. They're off!—and Mark Bennett gets a good start.
7. Doing her specialty, Donna Frodge breast strokes to get ready for regionals.

Regionals ill-timed

What happened at regionals?

"If it would've been a week earlier or later, I would have gone to state," AHS ace diver Terry Sandefur said about his fourth place finish in diving competition at the regional swim meet.

Terry Sandefur, who felt that he could have placed in the top two at regionals, said he just had a bad day.

Of course, Terry Sandefur wasn't the only one to qualify for regionals. Caryl McGlothlin and Donna Frodge accompanied him to Lubbock and the Texas Tech swimming pool where the meet was held. Caryl competed for the 100 back stroke and Donna for the breast stroke.

Neither Terry nor Caryl nor Donna, however, were able to qualify for the state meet, but District 5-AAAA is considered to be one of the most competitive districts in Texas.

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Diligence developes awaited consistency

Most people do not realize the long hours of practice that go toward making up a good high school golf team, but golf probably takes more constant practice to attain perfection than do many other sports.

The team, composed of Mark Brasher, Ken Chynoweth, Courtney Connell, Russ Evans, Jay Monreal, Robert Mowery, Mike Oden, Jeff Smith and Victor Villarreal, practiced since the beginning of school, working out two hours a day at the Munciple Golf Course after school. This year's early spring was welcomed by the group, who had begun to tire as they journeyed around the frozen course, bundled in coats and caps.

Russ Evans was low scoring man for the Eagle Golf Team with a 79 average. Running a close second was Vic Villarreal with an average of 81.

Even with all the hard work and gallant efforts to produce a top flight team, the team finished 7th in district.



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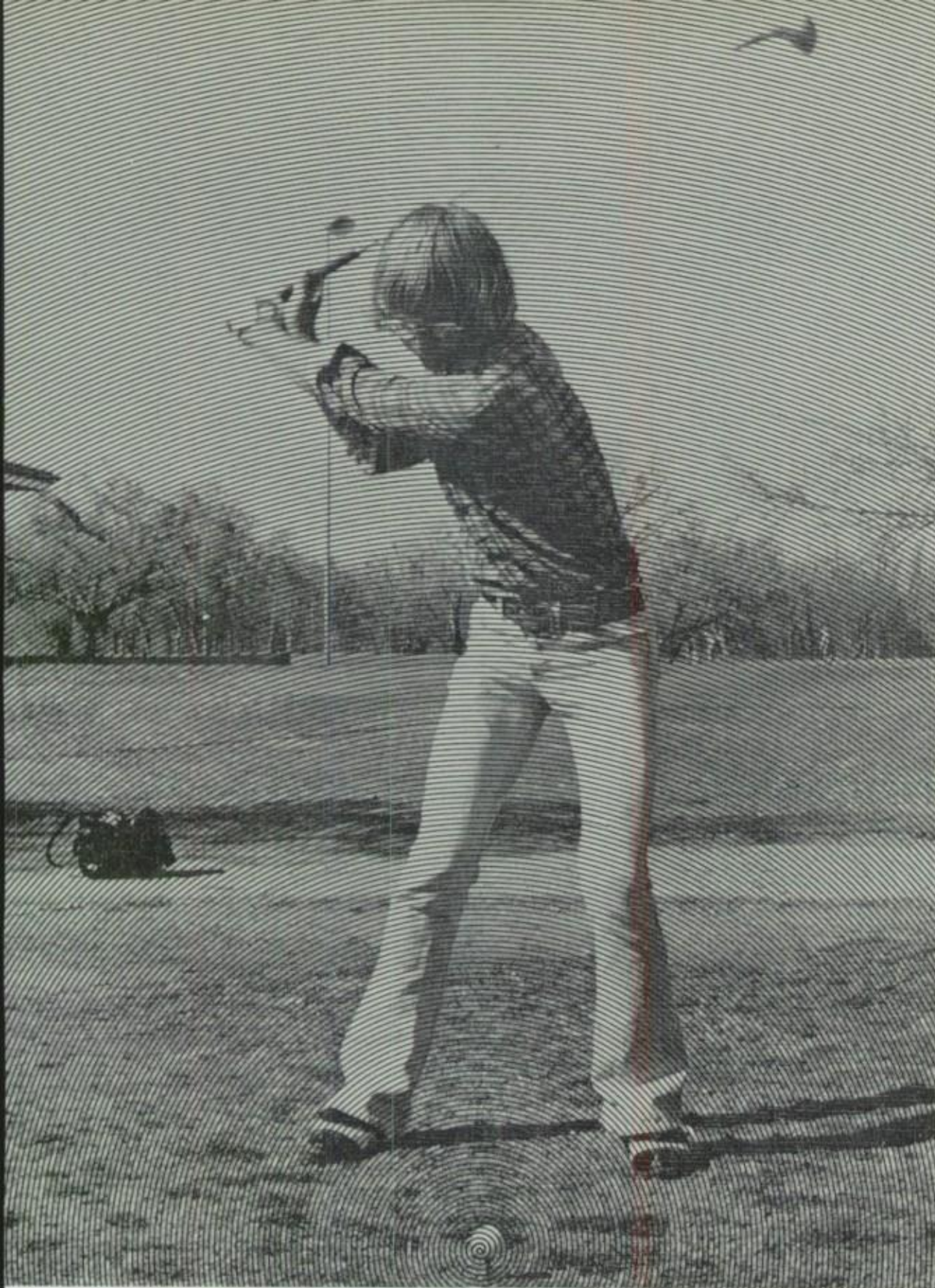
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GOLF

TOURNAMENT	PLACE
Plainview	14 out of 20
Abilene*	7 out of 14
Midland*	9 out of 17
Del Rio	6 out of 14
San Angelo*	5 out of 20
District*	7 out of 8

*District Tournaments





1. Following through with the swing is important, as demonstrated by Victor Villarreal.
2. Looking for suggestions for improvement, Coach Glen Cleveland watches Kenny Chynoweth tee off.
3. As he drives for the green, Russ Evans shows the key to a golfer's game—concentration.
4. The practice green at Maxwell Municipal Golf Course is the perfect place for Victor Villarreal and Jay Monreal to work on their putting.
5. **Golf.** Courtney Cornwell, Victor Villarreal, Russ Evans, Mark Brashears, Kenny Chynoweth, Mr. Glen Cleveland (coach), Jeff Smith, Jay Monreal, Robert Mowry, Mike Oden.

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1. Varsity baseball. FRONT ROW: Tim Willis, Monty Forrester, Mark Pierce, Tim Rich, Darrell Ballou. SECOND ROW: Mark Edwards, John Ritter, Randal Wilson, James Hester, Weldon Bragg, Gregg Wilson, Clifton Franklin. BACK ROW: Terry Austin, Joe Jones, Herman Reece, Glen Stirman, Darren Edwards, Gary Green, Byron Roberts, Mr. Tommy Blair (coach).
2. Congratulations!—Joe Jones is greeted by Herman Reece following a homerun.
3. Anticipating a good pitch, James Hester readies himself to begin play.
4. Discussing signals, Coach Blair talks with catcher James Hester.
5. Base runner Monty Forrester looks to Coach Blair for instructions.
6. Closely watching a district game, Coach Blair works up a new strategy.



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Preseason finishes with perfect record

With six returning lettermen from last year's team, Coach Tommy Blair guided this year's baseballers to eleven victories and no losses in preseason play.

In preparation for the season, the baseball team worked out three hours a day, concentrating on fundamentals and specific situations that might occur in an actual game.

The Eagles started off preseason play with a flair as they outscored their first three opponents, Lubbock Coronado, (14-11), Pecos (9-1), (8-2) in a double-header, and Lubbock High (12-8). Three of the Eagles' eleven victories came in the Hardin-Simmons University baseball tournament.

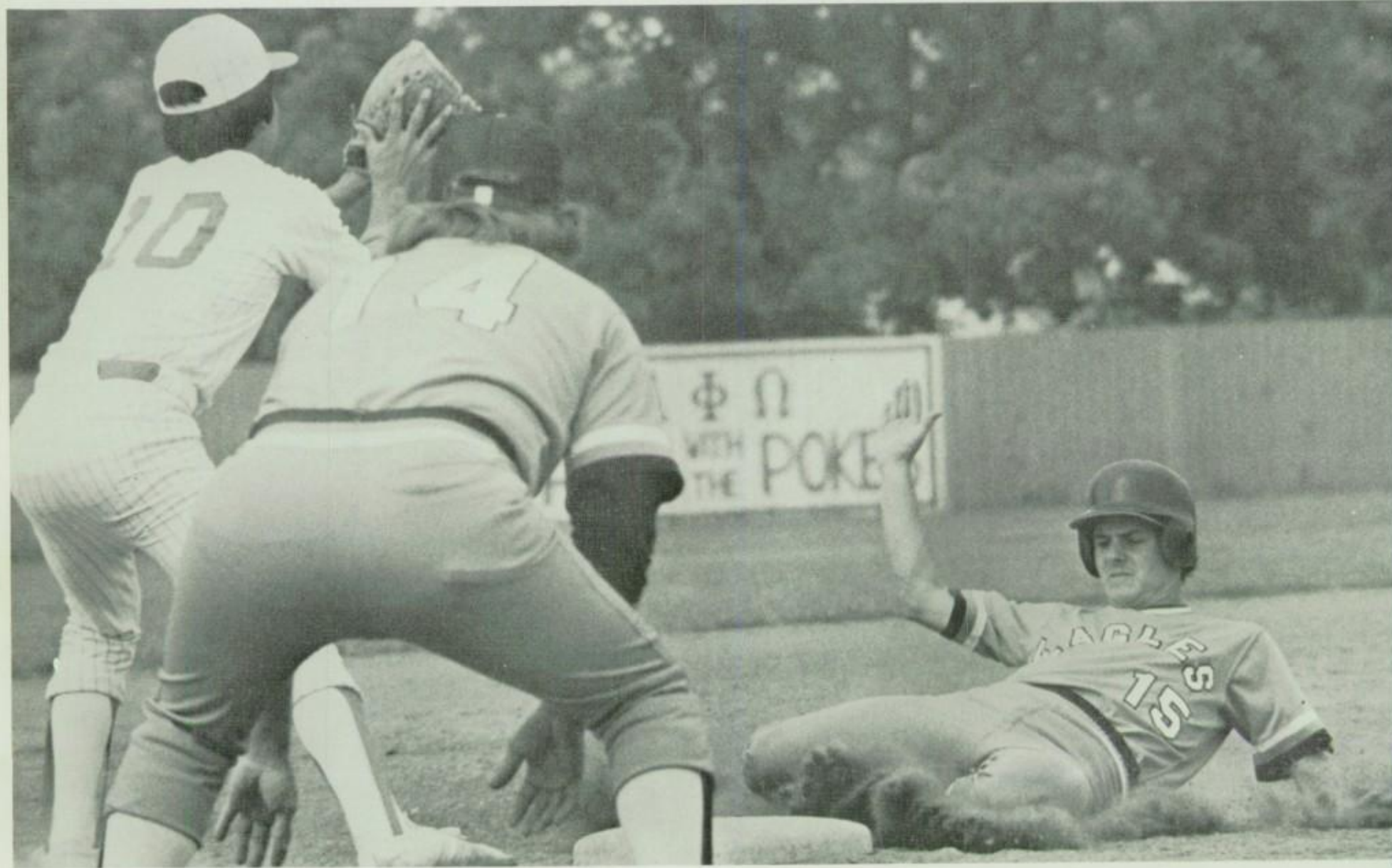
En route to winning the prestigious first place HSU trophy, Abilene High ran past two other 5-A teams—San Angelo Central (5-2) and crosstown rival Cooper (7-1); they also blasted Dallas W. T. White with a score of 12-2. Allowing only nine runs against them, the baseballers ran past their last two opponents with four easy victories. They defeated Ranger J. V. (10-0) and Temple (8-1), (14-7) in a double-header and then (9-1) again the next day.

In their eleven preseason games Abilene High batted in 108 runs and yielded only 41. It looked as though the powerful Eagles would be serious contenders for state.

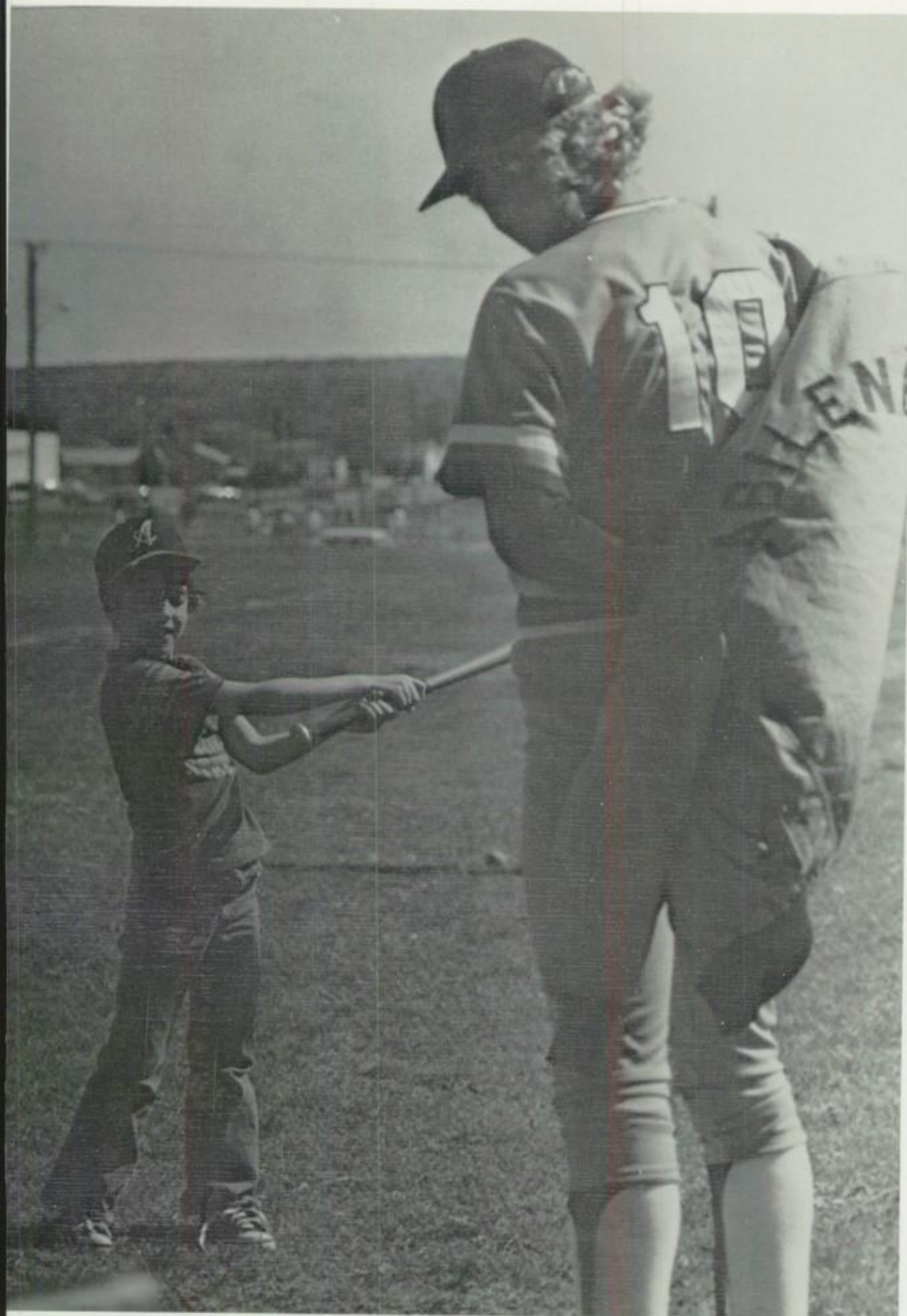
Start of district finds tough competition

Finishing preseason with an unblemished slate left the Eagles with the only undefeated record in district 5-AAAA. With an 11-0 record, and district play about to start, the Warbirds were chosen as one of the top contenders, and the favorite, in the race for the district baseball crown. Traditionally Abilene High has always been considered one of the best in district, and this year would be no different. Faced with a tough opponent in Big Spring, AHS started off the first half of district play and lost their first game of the season. The Eagles, however, won the next four games and went into a three-way tie for first place.

With the disadvantage of playing the Midland Lee Rebels on their home ground, the Warbirds lost and fell out of the first place tie. With one more shot to finish in a tie in the first half of district, the Eagles prepared to take on Cooper, one of the district co-leaders. With the home ground advantage, the Eagles took to Blackburn Field, only to lose. With the homefield advantage in five games, though, the Eagles were more determined to win the second half of district.



1. Pondering over a baseball game in progress, Greg Wilson views the field from behind.
2. Sliding to safety, Tim Rich finds himself still in the game.
3. Pretending to be a "big" ball player, Coach Blair's son Jim Bob practices his swing for Glen Stirman after game.
4. In preparation for a district game, Coach Blair tells the game plan.



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VARSITY BASEBALL

OPPONENT	AHS	
Coronado	11	14
Pecos	1	9
Pecos	7	8
Lubbock	8	12
San Angelo Central	2	5
W. T. White	2	12
Cooper	1	7
Ranger J. V.	0	10
Temple	1	8
Temple	7	14
Temple	1	9
Big Spring*	12	3
Permian*	3	11
Midland High*	0	4
Odessa*	3	5
San Angelo Central*	1	3
Midland Lee*	15	1
	7	0
Big Spring*	4	1
Permian*	4	7
Midland High*	0	4
Odessa*	1	5
San Angelo Central*	2	5
Midland Lee*	0	1
Cooper*	0	12

DISTRICT PLAY-OFFS

San Angelo*	0	8
Cooper*	4	3

WINS-22, LOSSES-5

*District Games

District hopes jilted

Following a disappointing first half in district, the baseball team played with more determination to win the second half.

In the opening game Abilene High played tougher defense against high-scoring Big Spring, but lost despite their valiant effort.

But one loss did not dampen the determination of the team; they went on to win their six final scheduled games and finished in a tie with San Angelo Central. Both had a 6-1 record; San Angelo's only loss in the second half was to AHS (5-2). Having the psychological advantages of having a 3-0 record against San Angelo Central and holding the play-off game in Abilene seemed to be too much for the Bobcats as Abilene High thoroughly thrashed them 8-0. This set the district championship playoff for the following Friday, May 13.

Superstition has it that Friday 13 is an unlucky day; the question was whether it would be unlucky for Abilene High or cross-town rival Cooper. Having a slim lead, 3-2,

AHS went into the bottom of the 7th inning. Cooper hit a two-run homer and won 4-3. Ironically, the Eagles finished the disappointing season with the best record in district, 22-5.

Preparing underclassmen for varsity was no easy task, but Coach Dub Pierce accepted this challenge and helped JV baseball to a .666 season. Their four losses were to Thomas Jefferson, Cooper, and Snyder, who beat AHS twice. Despite these four losses, the JV Eagles refused to give up and put together eight wins out of twelve games.





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JV BASEBALL

OPPONENT	AHS	
Snyder	5	2
Coronado	3	6
Lubbock	3	8
Thomas Jefferson	4	0
Snyder	3	2
Cooper	12	7
Temple	5	6
Temple	6	7
Snyder	5	15
Big Spring	5	11
Midland	7	9
Cooper	3	12

Wins—8 Losses—4



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1. Pitching for victory, Weldon Bragg does his stuff in an important game.
2. Delivering a pitch, Ricky Stokes starts his forward motion.
3. Dodging a bad pitch, Marty Burleson avoids one of baseball's hazards, getting hit with a wild one!
4. **Junior varsity baseball.** FRONT ROW: Ricky Stokes, Mike Cass, David Martinez, Henry Loza, James DeLacruz, Mike Ogden. SECOND ROW: Reggie Thomas, Derrick Caballero, Jimmy Esquivel, Marty Burleson, Greg Etter, Oscar Lozano. BACK ROW: Mike Jones, Turtle Connors, Les Bruce, Reggie Hackman, Brad Faulkner, Mitch Gassaway, George Jackson.
5. Cleats are one of the many necessities for baseball players.
6. In preparation for a game, Coach Tommy Blair talks to his team.
7. Going for the big one, James DeLacruz swings with power.



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

MEET

Lubbock
San Angelo
Regional
State

STANDING

4th
1st
1st
16th



Girls cross country sprints to Region, falters under pressure in state contest

Winning regional, developing closer friendships with their team mates, earning five points toward a track letter—these were the attributes of girls' cross country. Running long and hard and getting extremely hot were easily the worst parts.

The AHS coeds trained hard all fall for Coach Carolyn Roney. Hard work reaped grand benefits yielding the coveted Regional trophy. Regional competition was held in San Angelo, and AHS placed three girls in the top ten runners. Marilyn Bridges, Janie Luna and Joann Martinez all raced in fine fashion to spots in the top ten.

Despite running at home in Abilene at Nelson Park the Abilene girls did not fare as well there. Running in an over-crowded field, the girls did not place well enough to advance past the regional level of competition despite tremendous effort.



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1. Warming up for district meet are Joanne Martinez, Bambi Hall, Teresa Yacono, Teresa Langan, and Valeri Lambert.
2. Celebrating the joys of victory, Bambi Hall, Teresa Langan and Valeri Lambert grasp the regional trophy.
3. Keeping her stride, Teresa Langan helps the Eagles to first in region.
4. **Girls cross country.** FRONT ROW: Teresa Langan, Marilyn Bridges. SECOND ROW: Teresa Yacono, — Valeri Lambert, Joanne Martinez. THIRD ROW: Miss Carolyn Roney (coach), Janie Luna. BACK ROW: Bambi Hall.



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Girls surge forward under new coach

Triple jump, shot put and 220 relay were familiar words around Abilene High this year, due to the girls track team's success. There were many new school records set this year. Bridget Booker ran a 25.6 for the 220, eliminating the previous record of 25.9. Bridget also broke last year's record in the triple jump. Lela Hines threw the shot put 41 feet, 9 inches, scratching last year's record 40 feet, 2 inches. Lela was also the only girl from District 5-AAAA that qualified for state, where she finished fifth in shot put competition.

The 880 relay team, consisting of Bridget Booker, Cessilye Scott, Sheryl Yacono, and Denise Jackson, broke the earlier record of 1:46.0 by one second, finishing with the new record of 1:45.0.

Coach Carolyn Roney spent many long hours of practice with the team developing their individual abilities, and it obviously paid off.



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GIRLS TRACK

MEET	PLACE
Southwest Recreation	7
Olney Invitational	1
Spur Invitational	2
South Oak Cliff Invitational	7
TCU Relay	1
District	3
WINS-2, LOSSES-4	



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1. & 5. Preparing for the state meet in Austin, Lela Hines goes through her shot put practice.
2. Running with dedication, Karen Pekowski, Theresa Yacano, and Karla Darnell go through their daily workouts.
3. **Girls track.** FRONT ROW: Theresa Yacano, Karla Darnell, Jonni Beth Hughes, Sheryl Yacano, Ronnye Trull. SECOND ROW: Carol Holloway, Deborah Lesley, Karen Pekowski, Valeri Lambert, Mary White, Theresa Langan, Marelyn Bridges. BACK ROW: Miss Carolyn Roney (coach), Beverly Jones, Denise Jackson, Bridget Booker, Cessilye Scott, Denise Jackson, Lela Hines, Debra Reece.
4. Anticipating the signal to start, Jonni Beth Hughes and Sheryl Yacano concentrate to get a good lead.
6. On their way to completing another lap are Debra Reece, Cessilye Scott and Denise Jackson.
7. Stirring up dust, Bridget Booker strives to improve her distance.



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Rebuilding—speculative glance to future

After losing all but one member of last year's state championship track team, this year's team didn't fare quite as well. Returning from last year's team, Anthony Washington remained with a very young and inexperienced group. Coach Pat Aguilar coined this season as a rebuilding one with emphasis on the future. With this in mind, Coach Aguilar provided as much experience as possible to sophomore and junior team members. Many responded positively and are expected to help Abilene High to a winning season in 1978.

This year's 100 yard man, Anthony Washington did, however, shatter the past record, 9.70 seconds with a 9.65 clocking in the Wildcat Relays. The track season started on February 19 and went through May 14, when the state meet was held in Austin. The tracksters traveled to meets across Texas, ranging from Fort Stockton to Lubbock.

During this time the track team had intense workouts three times a week if a meet was scheduled for Saturday. Workouts would ease up on Thursday and the athletes would rest on Friday. Although the team wasn't as successful as in past years, Coach Aguilar looks forward to a team which has high potential for next year.



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1. After jumping for distance, John Baack finds himself sliding in the pit at the Wildcat Relays.
2. Running in the hurdles at the City Meet, juniors Michael Jefferson and Robert McGinnis race against crosstown rivals.
3. Just thinking of moving on, David Doidge sets his pace in the City Meet.
4. Striving for height, Mark McKeehan attempts to clear the high bar.
5. With concentration and determination, Monte Hamilton gathers speed as he begins the first stage of a successful pole vault.
6. **Track team.** FRONT ROW: Ivory Joe Phillips, Vuree Williams, John McClean, Ruben Rocha, Mark McKeehan, George Elliot. SECOND ROW: Anthony Washington, Mike Garza, Richard Flores, Jerry Newton, Joe Rocha, Tracy Doughty, Ruben Hinojosa, Robert Comacho. THIRD ROW: Eddie Johnson, Robert McGinnis, Reggie Fields, Chuck Palm, Matt Craig, Chuck Dubose, David Doidge. BACK ROW: Mr. Pat Aguilar (coach), David Solomon, Sam Carrington, David Spells, Monte Hamilton, John Baack, Michael Jefferson.



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TRACK

MEET	PLACE
Comanche Relays	3
Lubbock	7
Possum Kingdom Relays	3
Bluebonnet Relays	6
Wildcat Relays	3
District	4
Regionals	5

WINS-0, LOSSES-7



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1. Loading the blocks, explosive Reggie Fields prepares to sprint the first leg of the 440 relay.
2. Running the anchor leg of the mile relay, Sam Carrington nears the finish.
3. After warming up, Anthony Washington pulls off his sweats before running the 100 yard dash.
4. Before breaking the tape, David Spells exerts one last bit of energy.
5. Although nipped at the tape by an Odessa runner, Reggie Fields finishes second.
6. Running cross-country in preparation for the spring track season, Chuck Palm logs another mile.
7. The cold days of early spring demand warm clothing, but for Ivory Joe Phillips and David Spells it is worth it.





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State track qualifiers bring honors home

For the third time in three years Abilene High qualified a 440 yard relay team for the State Meet in Austin. In addition to the 440 yard relay team, Anthony Washington qualified for the 100 yard dash.

Anthony Washington, Ivory Joe Phillips, David Spells, and Reggie Fields, the 440 yard relay team, finished first in district with a 42.1 second time and improved their time by .2 seconds at regionals with a 41.9 seconds to capture second place. Rueben Rocha, running for the injured Ivory Joe Phillips, helped the team to a fifth place finish at the state meet in Austin.

Consistent Anthony Washington won district, region, and finished second in state with a time of 9.5 seconds.

"We had a very young team comprised of mostly sophomores and juniors who should form the nucleus for a stronger team next year. Overall, I was pleased with our efforts and with the qualifiers that we got to the state meet," responded Coach Aguilar to questions concerning the team.



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Poor district finish culminates season

The cross-country team consisted of ten guys who ran anywhere from 35 to 75 miles during the week all for pleasure of running another two miles the following Saturday afternoon or morning through hills and dales, through parks and golf courses.

Despite the Midland Bulldogs winning district and Abilene High doing not quite so well, the cross-country team still ran every morning during the first period in more kinds of weather than even the noblest postman would brave.

Unfortunately not only did the AHS cross-country team not finish as well as the Bulldogs did, they slumped to last, a position most Eagles aren't accustomed to. Abilene High has had a cross-country team for the past four years, and despite a less than banner year, the Eagles will again field a team that should do much better with five returning members from this year's team.



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1. Racing against time as well as two opponents, David Doidge competes in the district meet.

2. "That's the breaks," exclaims Coach Pat Aguilar at the district cross country meet.

3. Running requires concentration, as demonstrated by Willis Swarts.

4. Lon Oldham discovers cross country running is more picturesque than regular track.

5. **Cross country.** FRONT ROW: Ruben Hinojosa, Lon Oldham. BACK ROW: Dwayne Ballou (manager), Chuck Palm, Mark Love, David Doidge, Willis Swarts.



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insight:

The amazing job of Dwayne Ballou

Who was that fellow who got to follow Coach Pat Aguilar around every Saturday afternoon during the fall of 1976? Who was the valet for the dozen or so guys who called themselves the cross country team? Who earned all of his PE credits without even breaking a sweat? Who got to ride on a bus half-filled with Abilene High and Cooper girls to track meets all over the Big Country every other Saturday during the first trimesters of his junior and senior years? Who kept the cross country team's valuables while they were busy competing? Who earned points that went toward a track manager's letter of which he had two? The answer to all of these questions, of course, was the cross country manager, Dwayne Ballou. As he demonstrates in the picture, his job is definitely interesting, but fun? Well, yes, he thinks so. Dwayne didn't get to have all the fun by himself, though. Keith Trull was also a manager, Keith didn't go on the meets, though, because senior Dwayne pulled rank on him. Keith was only a junior with yet another year to enjoy the questionable niceties of management.



1. As varied as the items on this collage are the individuals that constitute the masses of Abilene High.
2. Cramped and crowded, old students mix with present learners at the NHS exes reception.
3. Displaying his individuality, Dave Einsel looks as he believes he should.



Are You See

People, people, people. Literally hundreds of people clogged the halls, stairs, and rooms at Abilene High. Despite the hugeness, the blur of the masses, everyone was an individual with his own likes, dislikes, ideas, and idiosyncrasies. Each had his own goals, dreams and aspirations. Each sometime experienced winning and sometime losing. But regardless of a person's station in life, he had a story worth telling and worth knowing.

Inasmuch as each person was an individual, each person was similar in his differences, each a reflection of the one before. Each person shared a need to love and be loved, a need to accomplish goals and meet challenges. Each person was as intricate a part of Abilene High as another, each with a role to play out. Abilene High was a school of people. Many, many people.

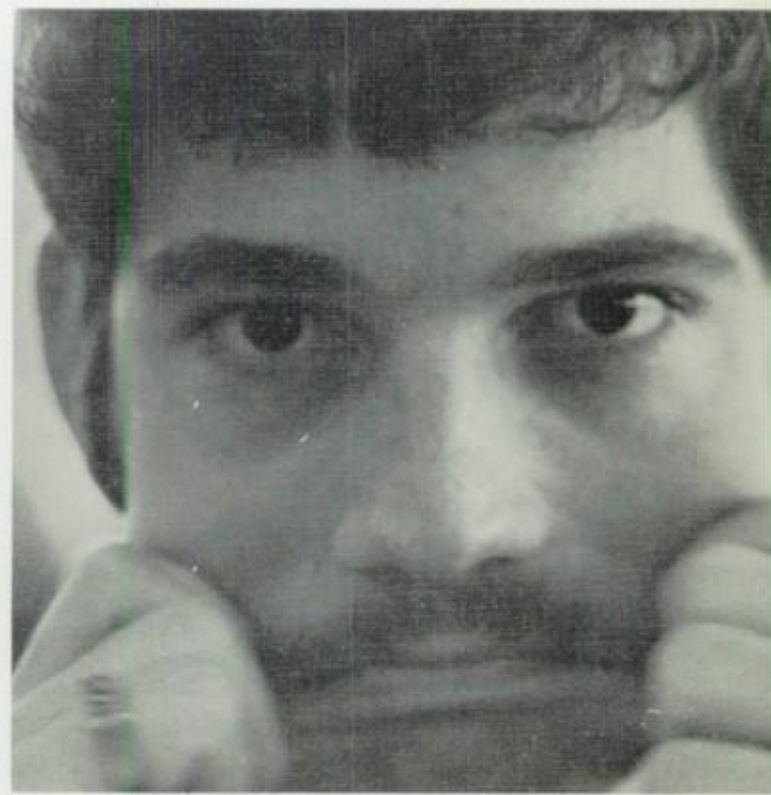
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Honors.....	96
Faculty.....	115
Seniors.....	125
Juniors.....	151
Sophomores.....	167

ATHLETIC

A vibrant yellow-themed collage illustration. At the top left, a simple line drawing of a lightbulb is shown. Below it, a microscope is depicted. In the center, a large, empty Erlenmeyer flask stands prominently. To the right of the flask, a stack of books is shown, with the word 'ART' written in large, bold, black letters on the top book. Below the flask, a paint palette with several wells of paint is visible. To the left of the palette, a pencil is shown. At the bottom left, a book is open, showing a page with the word 'MUSIC' written on it. At the bottom right, the word 'POTC' is written in large, bold, black letters, oriented upside down. The entire illustration is set against a background of vertical yellow lines.

AHS personified in Mr., Miss honor

To be chosen to represent AHS by one's own peers was in itself an honor as this year's Mr. and Miss AHS, Bret Cullers and Sherry Felts, would certainly agree.

Given in recognition of service to their class, this title was bestowed on the two seniors most outstanding in that quality.

Bret served as an Eagle Squad member his senior year, thus having an active role in the spirit as well as the work behind AHS sports. Simply as an involved and interested senior, Bret hosted a party for all seniors who had ever sung in the class portion of sing-song. Also in his three years at Abilene High, Bret served on the Key Club, *Aquila* staff, and Exchange Club, among others.

Sherry was seen up front at many AHS games, from football on, in her role as cheerleader. Running for the girls track team, she was also an active athlete her sophomore and junior years.



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1. Representing all that is Abilene High are Mr. and Miss AHS, Bret Cullers and Sherry Felts.
2. Trying to find any shelter possible, Sherry cheers on through the snow-bound Cooper game.
3. Finding time between activities and classes, Bret takes the opportunity to relax.



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Outstanding

Eagles

Speech develops confidence

Gaining self-confidence through speech, Karen Hahn placed third at a Hardin-Simmons tournament. The course has improved her reading ability and taught her how to express herself.

Studying clothing, child care, foods, and home and family living has awarded Elizabeth Riojas with an honor in homemaking, not to mention valuable experience and education. Elizabeth's favorite areas were child care and foods.

Imagine being able to become anyone in the world you wanted. Drama made this possible for Sheryl Yacano. "I think drama is good to get into because it can help you in life. It helps you relate to other people," stated Sheryl.

Singing in choir since fifth grade, Candy Parker has developed her voice well. She was active in Sing Song, Eagle Review, Harmony, and contests. Candy will minor in music.

A seven-year veteran of band, Michael McAuliffe was in marching, symphonic, and stage bands at AHS. He was property sergeant and band captain. He plays trumpet, French horn, and baritone. Mike plans to major in music at WTSU.

Exhibiting her creations in Abilene's Fine Arts Museum, Rhonda Miller's artistic inclination included jewelry, pottery, and macrame. She won Region in the Texas Fine Arts Association. She is applying for an art scholarship at TCU.



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1. Besides homemaking, Elizabeth Riojas learns the aspects of business.
2. Contemplating a rest in his music, Mike McAuliffe prepares to practice.
3. Concentration is responsible for Candy Parker's musical success.
4. The study of speech is clearly a source of enjoyment to Karen Hahn.
5. Through awareness Rhonda Miller stores impressions for future artwork.
6. Caught merely acting herself is drama honoree Sheryl Yacano.

Tennessee enlists math, science honoree

Calculating and theorizing their way to math and science honors this year were seniors Alan Hardwicke and Claudia Lewis. Alan acquired a well rounded background in math by taking almost every math course available.

He plans to continue his studies at Covenant College, Tennessee, majoring in Bible.

Claudia has been active in the Math and Science Club, participating in several meets this year. She will major in chemistry and pre-med at ACU.

A keen interest in the workings of our society led Theresa Hogg and Jeff Johnson to social studies honors. Theresa involved herself with school and community through Student

Council and Operation Mainstream. She also had the opportunity

to learn about other Americans and their homes through the experience of Exchange Club. Jeff chose to learn of his community through church and senior class

activities. Texas Tech will find Jeff an eager and active student.

Conquering the world of poetry and prose, Annalisa Martin and Sue Emanuel captured the English honors. Annalisa, a three year honors English student, is an avid poetry

writer. She will continue her writing at the University of Texas, majoring in

psychology. Sue spent much of her time writing for the *Flashlight*, which she served as co-editor. She hopes to continue her experience by serving on the A&M staff next year.



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1. Distracted for a moment from his calculations, Alan Hardwicke sits poised to return to the never-never land of integers and integrals.

2. As a student, Theresa Hogg studies people and their habits and habitats as well as pronouns and adjectives.

3. Reading all matter of writing from poetry to prose is one of Sue Emanuel's favorite pastimes.

4. As a serious math and science student, Claudia Lewis has come to realize that studying is a way of life and books are a chemist's best friend.

5. A keen look into government and society's workings reward Jeff Johnson and with the social studies honor.

6. Facing life with an open mind and a smile has helped Annalisa Martin capture in words the world and people around her.



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1. Being fluent in both English and Spanish causes Debbie Bridges' friends to sometimes wonder in which she daydreams.
2. With cold drink in hand and relaxation in mind, Bill Dawley takes a deep breath after radio day.
3. From the ancient language of the Romans Frances Dunagan transcends to the modern world of electric typewriters.
4. As an At Large honoree, Mary Beth Chalk excels in chlorine as well as in chords.
5. Despite her involvement in P. E., Tina Johnson finds time for books.
6. It is this sort of seriousness that has put Tim Keeney at the highest rank in ROTC.

Fluent Spanish student picks up accent in Mexico

If you lived in Mexico for a total of eight and a half years, you would be bound to pick up a little more than a few souvenirs and customs. Debbie Bridges picked up both, plus the native language. Although she is a "gringa," she speaks Spanish fluently, besides performing Spanish dances. She hopes to major in bilingual elementary education at Hardin-Simmons University.

Having had three years of Latin, Frances Dunagan said she would continue with classics. She was a member of Latin Club all through high school and was president her senior year. She placed fourth in vocabulary at the State UIL contest during her sophomore year.

A member of varsity gymnastics team her junior year, Tina Johnson was honored for her exceptional participation and physical abilities in physical education. During her three years at AHS she was also active in recreational games, which included four square, ping-pong, basketball, shuffleboard, and jumping rope. Besides the physical aspect, Tina served as a worker in the P. E. office.

Having achieved the highest rank, Cadet Colonel Tim Keeney was named as an outstanding student in ROTC, during his three years in ROTC. He was president of Rocket Club, Deputy Corps Commander and color guard. He plans to make the armed forces his career and hopes to be an electrical engineer.

Known to most AHS students through her remarkable singing talents, Mary Beth Chalk brightened Sing Song '76 with her beautiful voice. In addition to singing with AHS' pop choir, Harmony, Mary is a seven-year band student and served as head property sergeant her senior year.

As senior class Reporter Bill Dawley worked on senior class activities ranging from Sock Hop to Radio Day. He also participated in the Student Council Cooper Exchange and traveled to Washington with AHS Exchange Club in April. Bill found time between trips and activities to serve as the tennis team trainer, overseeing the welfare and workouts of the AHS tennis team.



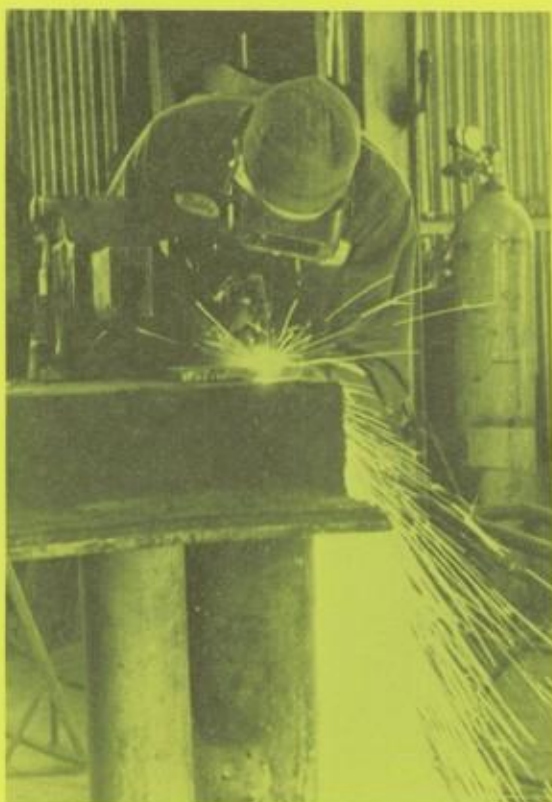
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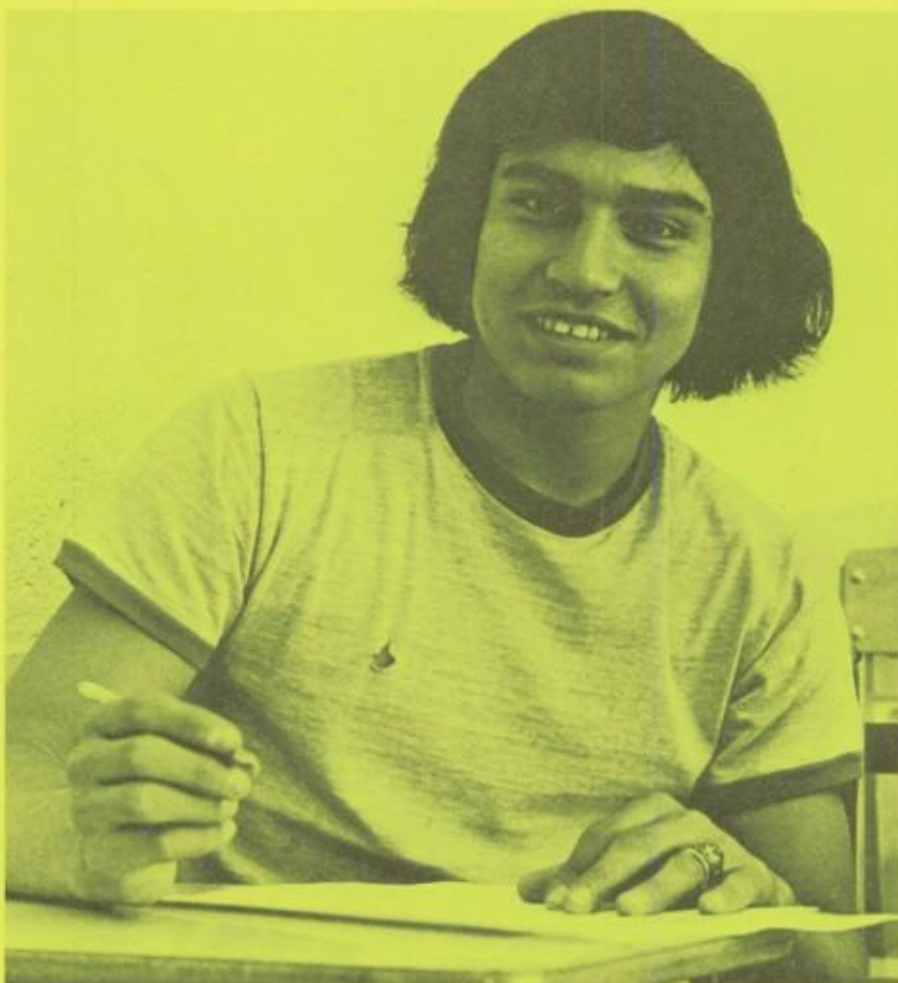
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Honoree makes news with computers

An interest in computers led Robert Crabowski to the data processing honor. He worked computers at Reporter-News and plans to major in computer science in college.

Keeping up with hairstyles made Cynthia Vasquez cosmetology honoree. She traveled to state in UIL.

Accomplishment in machinery welding earned Bobby Morton the ICT honor. Bobby intends to continue his work at Atlas Machine and Welding.

A first in a shorthand meet was one of the reasons Kathy Stevens was nominated for the VOE honor. Kathy worked for an attorney to gain experience and practice.

As president of Student Council, At Large honoree Howard Worthing was involved in the working of students. He charmed Sing Song audiences as host and played in band.

A three-year agriculture student, Ag honoree Weldon Bragg served as FFA president this year. Among his victories in livestock shows was the West Texas Fair Carcass Contest in which his pig placed first and earned him \$500. He will study animal science.

Electricity involves more than a kite and a cloudy day as electrical trades honoree Ruben Rocha well knows. Ruben will continue his studies at a vocational school or college.

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1. Creating a shower of sparks, Bobby Morton welds.
2. Trig shows Howard Worthing life is an equation.
3. Combs whirl as Cynthia Vasquez practices.
4. Running the circuit of classes is Ruben Rocha.
5. Taking shorthand is Kathy Stevens' forte.
6. Fingers poised, Bob Grabowski prepares a program.
7. Capable with both calculus and cows is Weldon Bragg.

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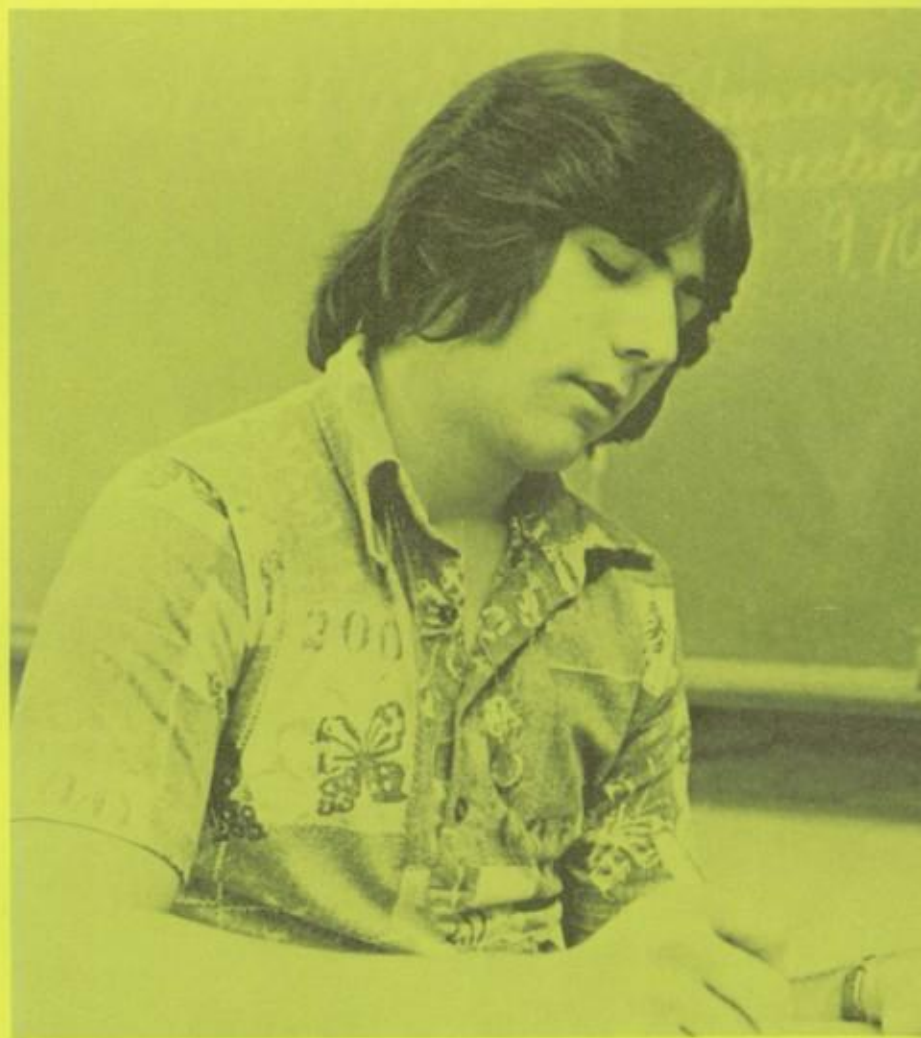
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Raising Reserve Champion pig one of many jobs

Being a member of the FFA Chapter Conducting Team and raising a Reserve Champion pig demanded many hours of work from Carla Irvin, another At Large honoree. Carla still found time to participate in one of the most demanding activities, cheerleading. These activities plus Honor Society were squeezed in between work at Penney's.

Leading everything from the senior class to the band, Jeff Berryman well deserved the all-around title bestowed him. His talents included playing trombone, singing in Harmony, and hosting Sing Song '76. He was an active member of National Honor Society as well as French Club. He will continue his schooling at ACU.

Spending a great deal of time under car hoods made Robert Jones auto mechanics honoree. As sergeant at arms of VICA, he competed in UIL meets. He put in many hours practice at his parents' Exxon Station.

Learning from both textbook and employment, Carlene Ake, CVAE honoree, discussed with classmates their jobs in order to benefit from the experience of others. She worked at the Dyess Base Exchange.

A student of outdoor education, Tony Romero proved himself in physical education. The courses Tony studied included canoeing, archery, and firearm safety. He enjoyed archery most.

As corresponding secretary of Student Council and academics editor of *Flashlight*, At Large honoree, Kim Jerige spent lots of time writing. In addition to these offices, Kim served Exchange Club as treasurer and YMCA Tama-Wai Club as president.



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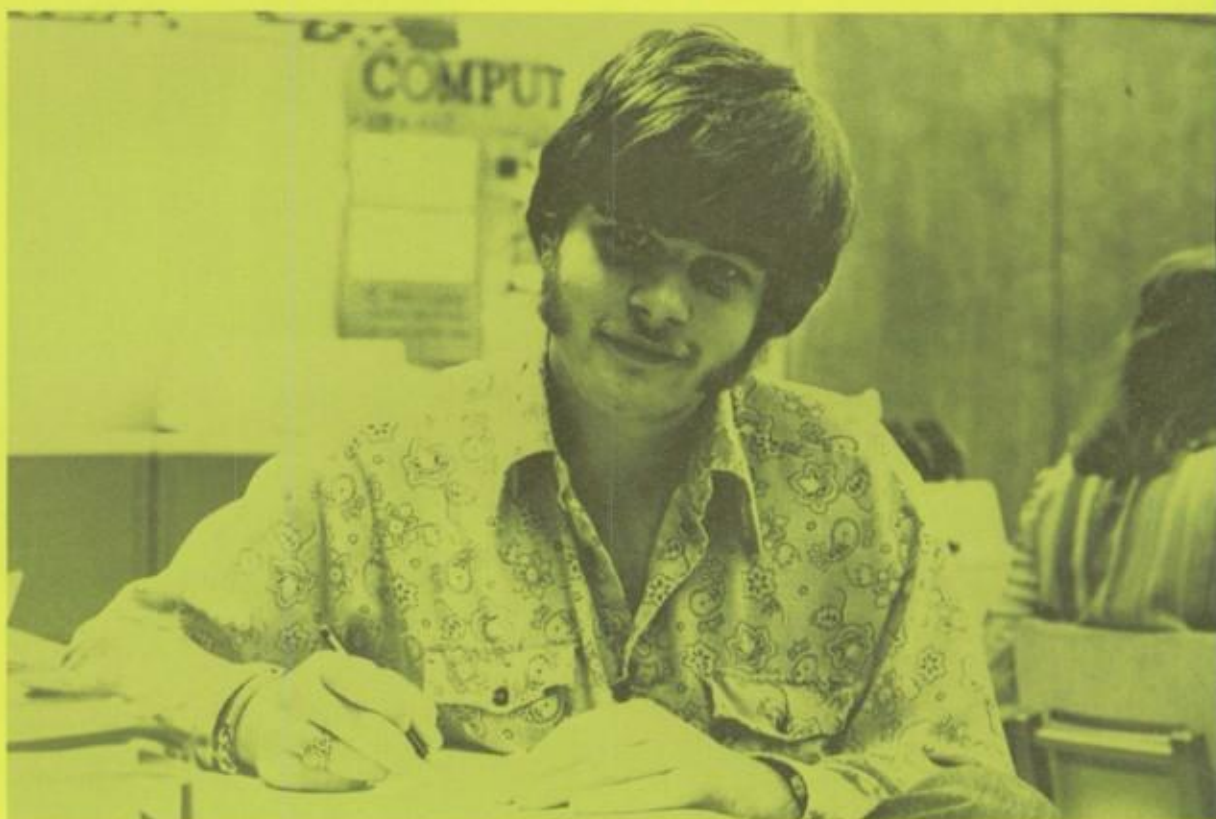
1. Studying is another task besides band and senior activities which demand much of Jeff Berryman's precious time.
2. Spirit and Carla Irvin are synonymous at Abilene High.
3. Busy as usual, Kim Jerige scans a memo to herself regarding Flashlight work to be done.
4. Homework is one of the less messy jobs Robert Jones works on when he isn't under the hood of a car.
5. Breaking from the job and books, Carlene Ake relaxes.
6. Displaying physical fitness, Tony Romero manages a smile while shimmying up a rope.



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1. Eagle Squad man Tim Willis just sits and grins.
2. Co-editor of the Flashlight, Gayle Meyer studies the main-stay of annual work, the tripak.
3. Preparing to leave on an out-of-town meet, Gene McKenzie is Joe Tennis in sweats and sweater.
4. Picture taking uproots Jeff Wood's studies.
5. In a moment of merriment, Susie Wood chuckles at a chemistry joke.
6. A problem demands Rhonda Bourland's thoughts.

Abilene Optimist Club appreciates youth's efforts

As president of Bold Gold, Rhonda Bourland was very involved in the support of sports. She performed her job so well that the Abilene Optimist Club rewarded her with the Youth Appreciation Award.

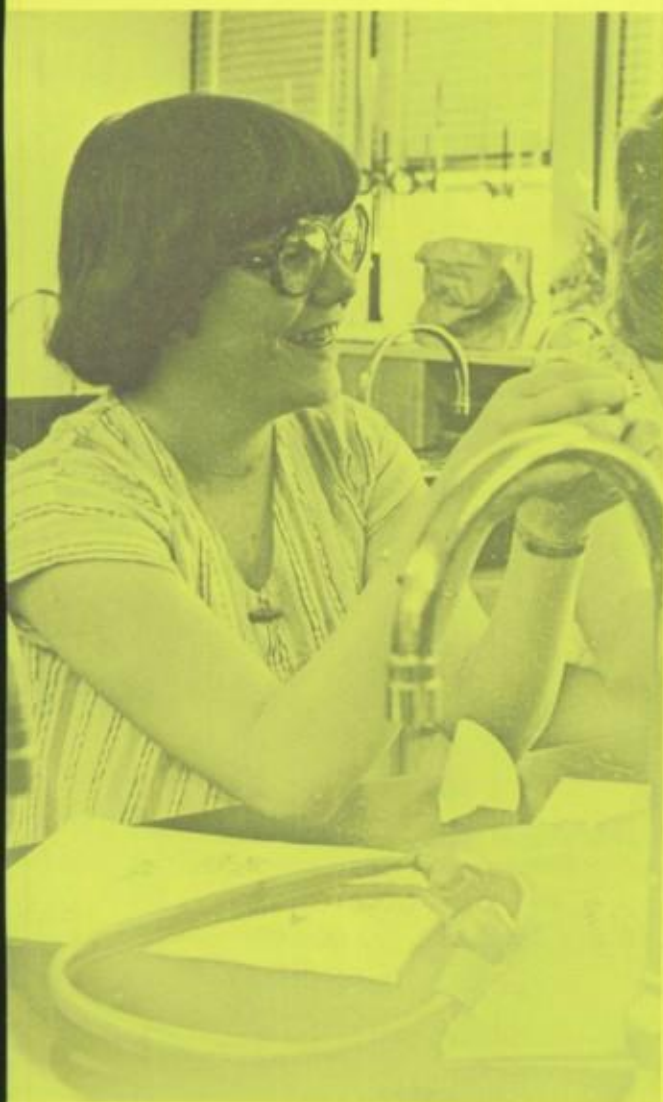
The AHS tennis team greatly benefited from the three years Gene McKenzie played and the two he served as team captain. Along with tennis, he served as Honor Society president and chairman of several committees.

As active Math and Science Club member, Jeff Woods competed extensively in the UIL meets. He plans to continue his math and science studies at ACU where he will major in either physics or mathematics.

Vice-president of both Christian Club and Honor Society, Tim Willis had more than his share of club work. On top of directing the Christian Club Sing Song presentation and participating in the NHS singing, he took on the mammoth job of directing the senior class. In addition to his club work, he was an Eagle Squad member.

The *Battery* found an able editor this year in Susie Wood. Having served as feature editor last year, Susie went on to the editorship in her third year on the staff. Student council was another three year project for her.

Late night work to meet early morning deadlines was a familiar routine to Gayle Meyer, co-editor of the *Flashlight*, yet Gayle found time to participate in NHS and the Humane Society.



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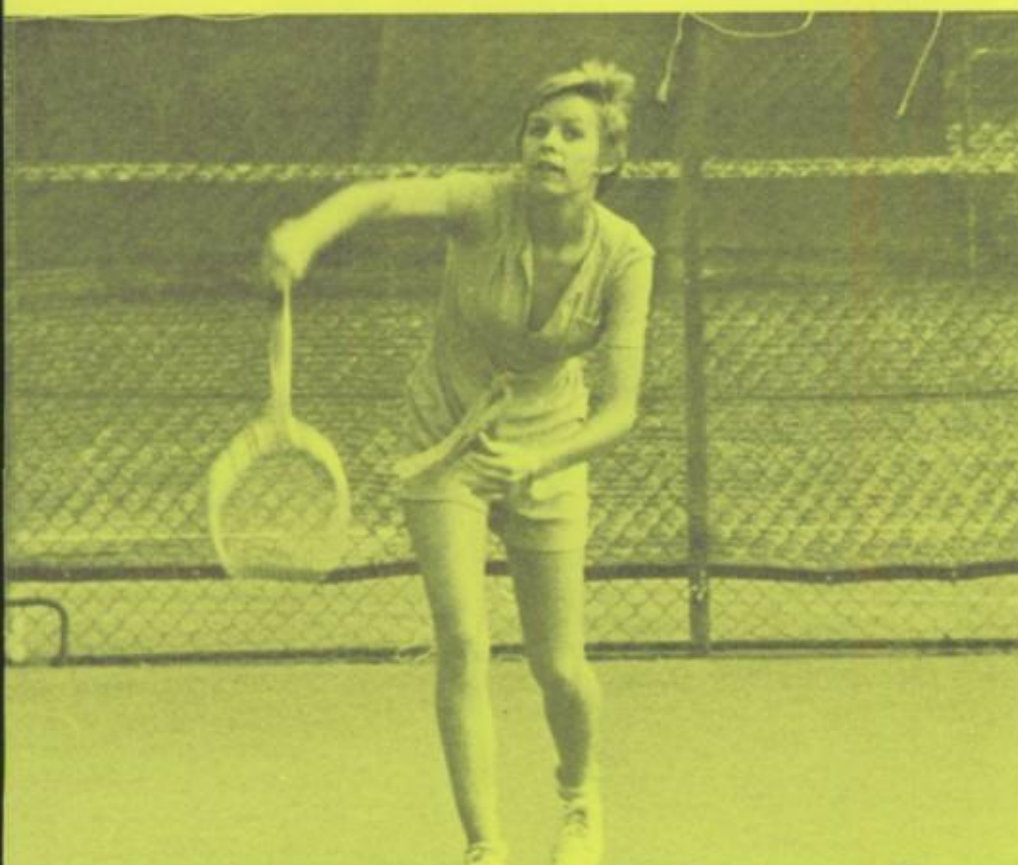
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Ability spells 'scholarship'

Despite a UIL ruling which barred her from playing this year, Linda Maddox managed to swing her way to an HSU tennis scholarship, which is renewable each year.

The Kiwanis Club Scholarship for outstanding vocational students provided \$100 each to Elizabeth Riojas, Weldon Bragg and Robert Grabowski. Weldon also netted the Texas A&M Opportunity Awards Scholarship and the A&M Mothers Club Scholarship. Robert added to his list the Diamond Shamrock Oil & Gas Corporation Scholarship and the Residence Hall Scholarship to West Texas State.

Earning a similar Residence Hall Scholarship was Greg Amburn, also winner of the Soroptimist and Accounting Faculty Scholarships, all to West Texas State.

Another AHS student soon to grace West Texas State was Rhonda Miller, recipient of an art scholarship given by that university.

Three football players whose abilities earned them full scholarships were Denny Harris and Herman Reece (Texas Tech), and Joe Jones (ACU).

The scientific ability of two AHS students earned them scholarships in their separate fields. David Hege received a physics scholarship and David Ely received a \$5,200 merit scholarship given him by Cal-Tech.

Academics editor of the *Flashlight* Kim Jerige was the recipient of the Dan Abbott Scholarship, a memorial gift given by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.



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1. Shaping chunks of wood is Rhonda Miller's craft.
2. Smashing a serve shows Linda Maddox's smashing style.
3. Three mighty gridiron Warbirds are Herman Reece, Denny Harris and Joe Jones.
4. A scholarship-enhanced future is worth a smile to Kim Jerige.
5. Two scholarship winners this year are Bob Grabowski and Greg Amburn.
6. Deep in conversation with a computer is David Ely.
7. At home in the outdoors is Ag student Weldon Bragg.
8. Hooking up wire to resistor is David Hege's hobby.
9. Typing was Elizabeth Riojas' key to a vocational scholarship.

Distinctions encompass cooking, acting

Drawing on the knowledge gained from working as a part time cook, Jeff Iorg won recognition as AHS's Family Leader of Tomorrow in a search sponsored by General Mills. National Merit Finalists Claudia Lewis and Jeff Woods also earned recognition for their exceptional test scores in the nation-wide SAT testing. To earn this honor they had to rank in the top 1% of students taking the test.

A taped speech on the theme "What America Means to Me" won Jeff Berryman a scholarship of \$200 from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Women's Auxiliary. Strict adherence to a realistic military code earned ROTC Colonel Tim Keeney the Air Force Association Award. The award included a full four year scholarship to the school of his choice.

A sophomore in the news, Nelson Coates, was selected for an all-expense paid trip to Chicago, Illinois. As this year's Texas representative to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar, Nelson, along with eighty other high school sophomores, heard distinguished speakers talk on "America's Incentive system." One among four city high school girls, Carla Irvin was this year's Abilene High honoree of the DAR Good Citizen Award, which was presented at the annual Colonial Tea. Winner of the District 5-4A Drama Competition was the cast of *Mrs. McThing*. Named to the all-star District cast were Robert Garrison, Tammi Miller, and David Armendariz. Earning the distinction of ranking in the top six of a graduating class of approximately 520 were (in order) Alan Hardwicke (valedictorian), Claudia Lewis (salutatorian), Sue Emanuel, Candy Parker, Robert Grabowski, and Gene McKenzie.

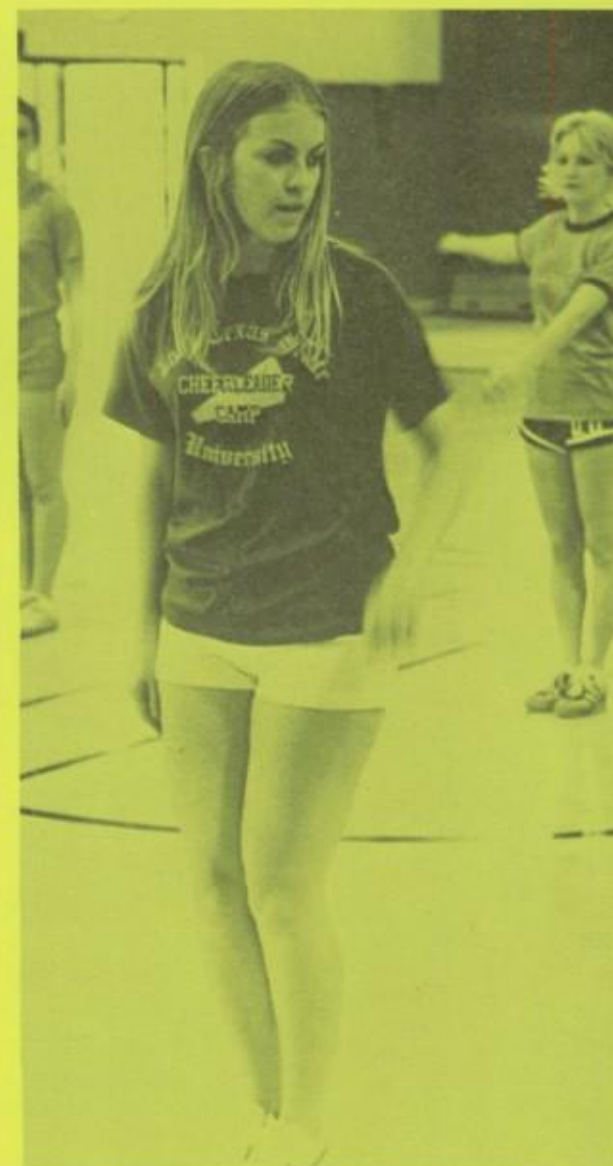


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1. Ranking first-sixth in the graduating class are Candy Parker, Robert Grabowski, Claudia Lewis, Sue Emanuel, Alan Hardwicke, Gene McKenzie. 2. Bedecked in cooking bonnet and tongs is Jeff Iorg, Family Leader of Tomorrow. 3. Although Jeff Woods achieved National Merit Finalist, fellow finalist Claudia Lewis feels a calculator check of his answer necessary. 4. *Mrs. McThing* Cast. FRONT ROW: Tammy Miller, Larry Martin, Becky Headstream, Lana Davis, Sheryt Yacono, Bertha Ramirez, Rudy Fernandez, Terri Hawkins. BACK ROW: Dwayne Holihan, Laurie Stevens, Steve Waldren, Betty Dudley, Terry Murgia, Carla Pierce, Judy Coward, David Armendariz, Sheri Sanders, Dale Keeney, Robert Garrison, Rodney Abbott. 5. Putting potential cheerleaders through their paces, Carla Irvin performs one of her many cheerleading duties. 6. With the security of a four year scholarship Tim Keeney can look with assurance to the future. 7. Singing is more of a lifestyle than a hobby for Jeff Berryman. 8. Perfecting his moves on the long horse, Nelson Coates shows potential as a gymnast as well as a leader.



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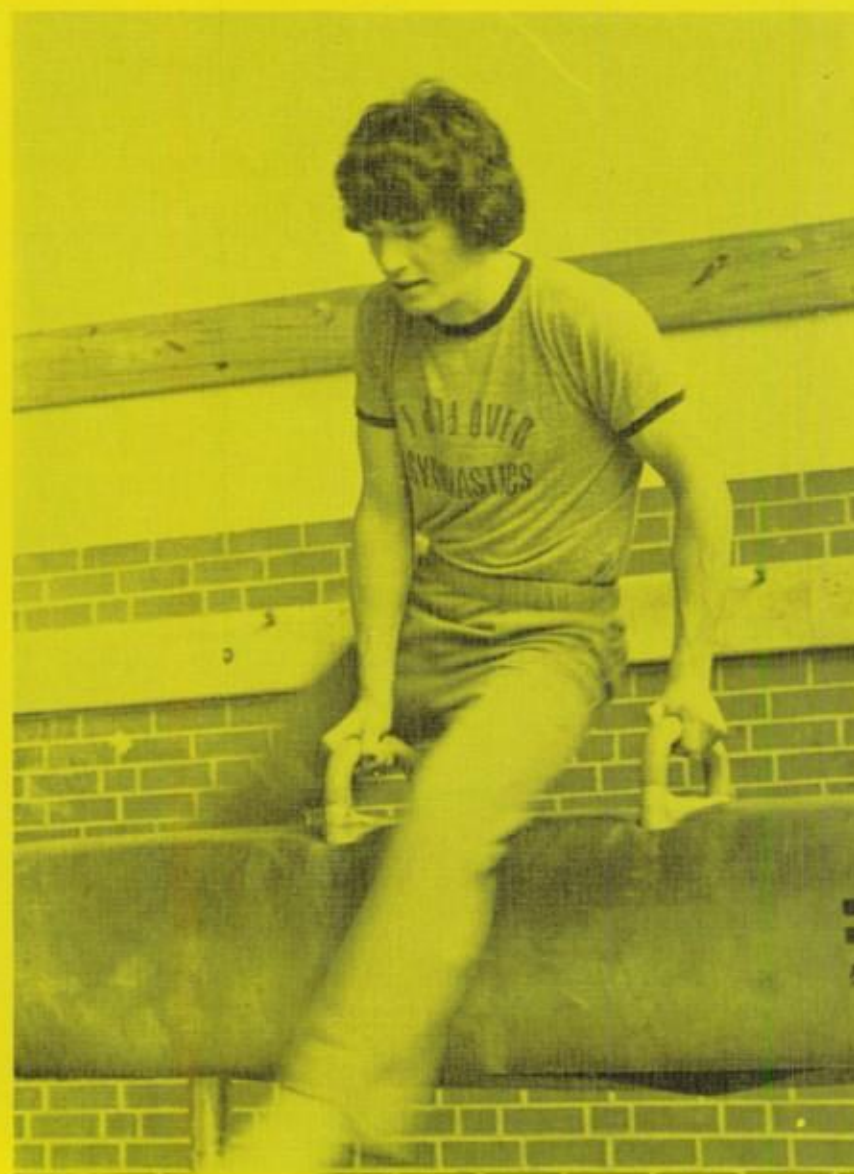
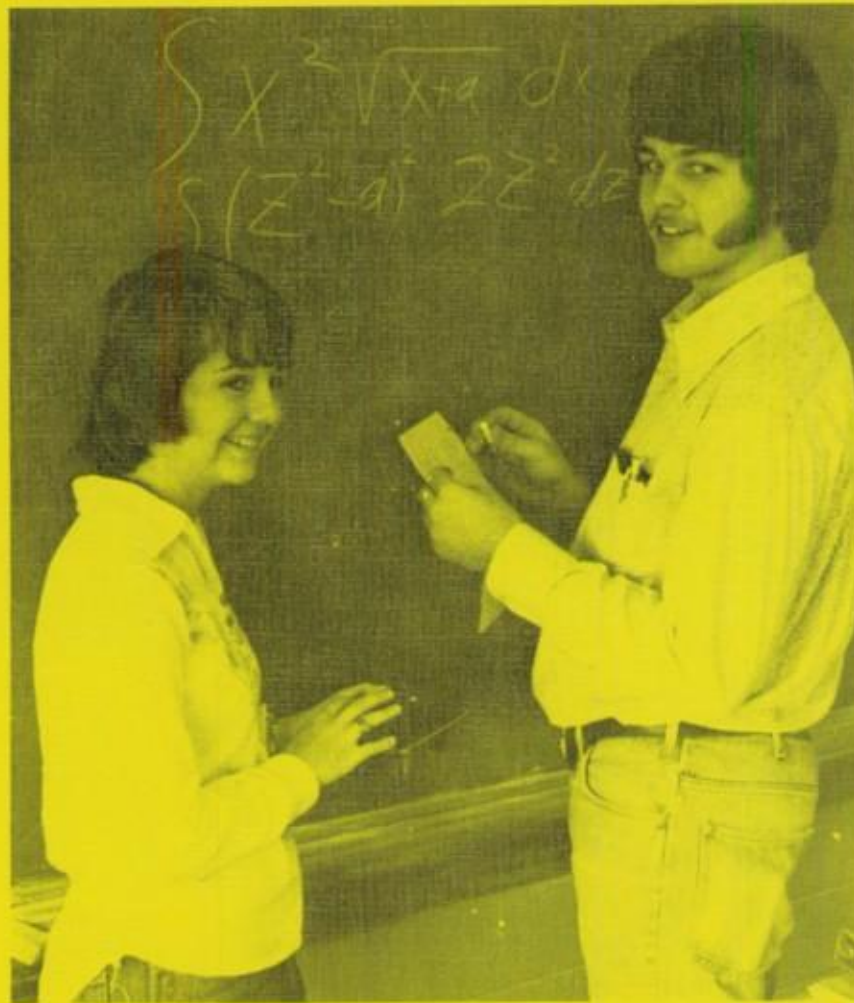
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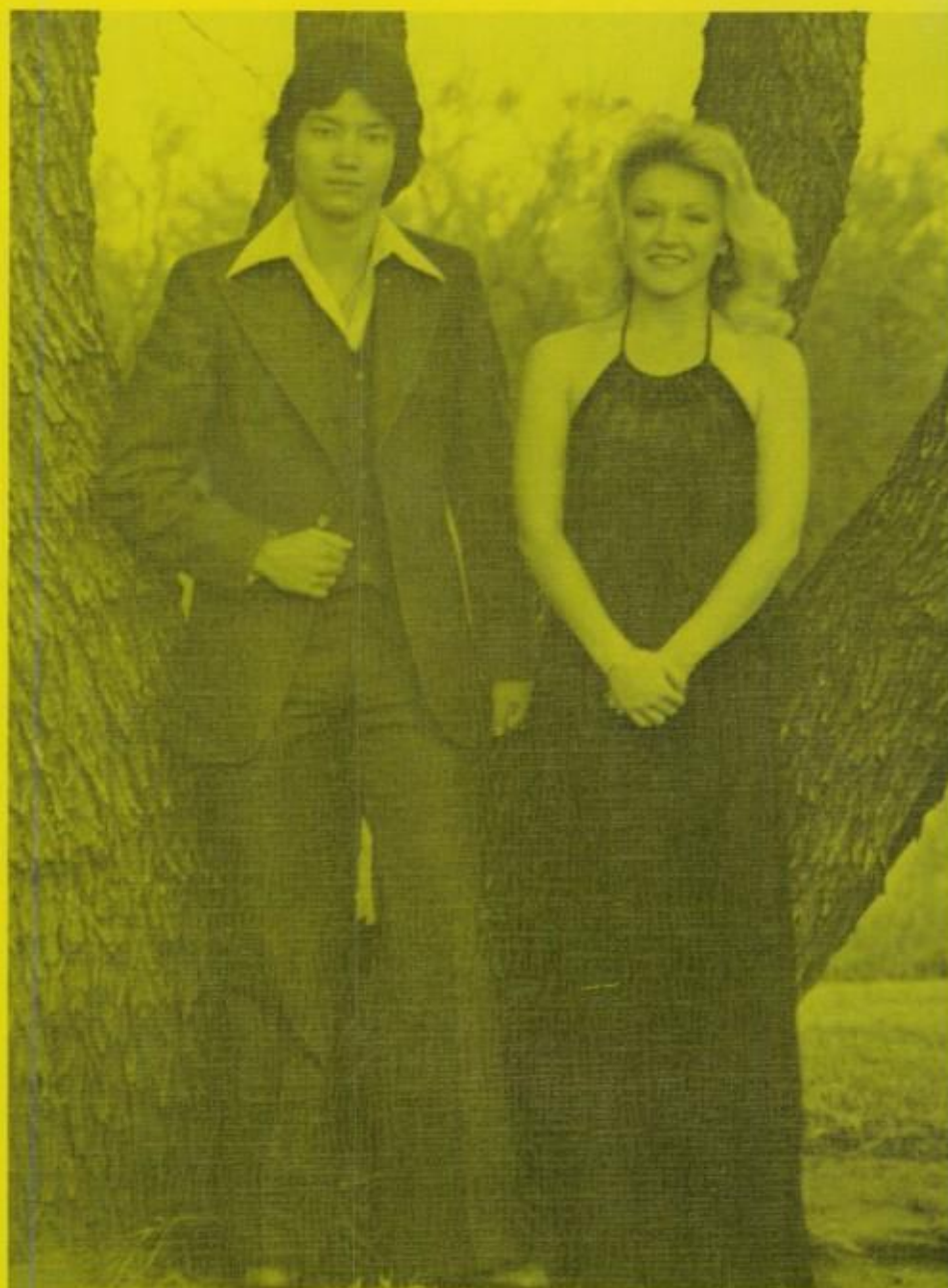
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Classes choose favorite personalities

Representing the senior class as favorites were Carla Irvin and Nick Coates. Carla, an AHS cheerleader, was also active in FFA and Honor Society. In addition, she won the DAR good citizenship award. Nick was active in Christian Club and Student Council as well as being a member of the Eagle Squad.

Debbie Dowell and E. C. Ice were the junior class favorites. Debbie was active in Bold Gold, gymnastics and Sing Song while E. C. participated in Student Council, was a junior class officer, and directed the junior class in the Sing Song competition.

Chosen as sophomore favorites were Jonni Beth Hughes and Chuck Mitchell. Jonni Beth ran track, played volleyball, and was in Bold Gold. Chuck was active in Student Council, and a capella choir and was reporter for the *Battery*.

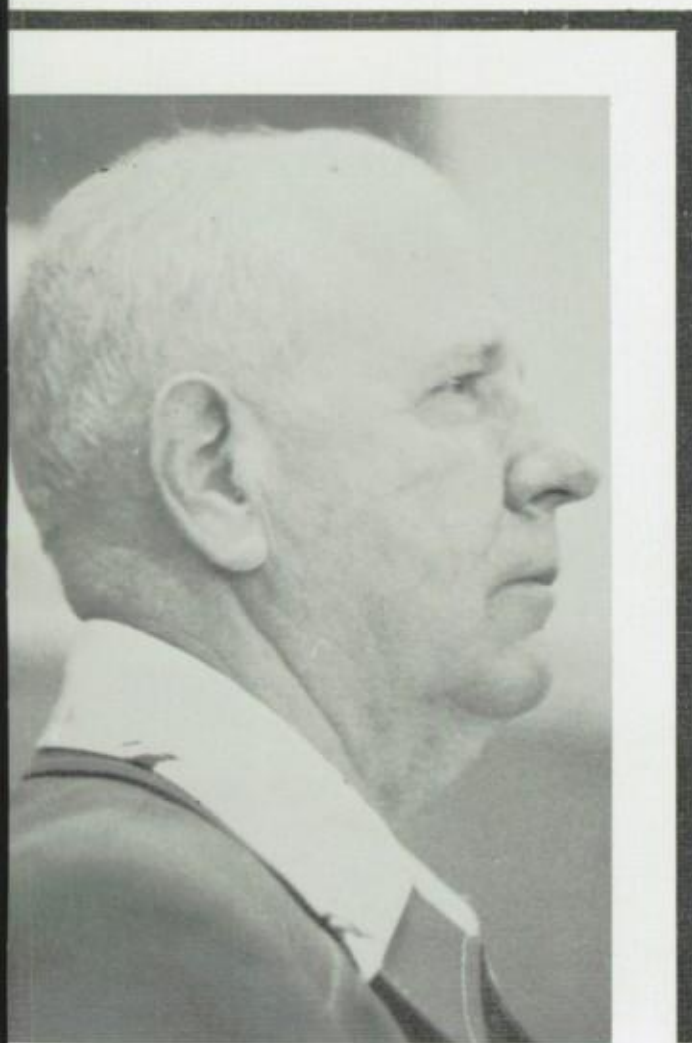


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1. Junior class favorites are E. C. Ice and Debbie Dowell.
2. Senior class favorites are Carla Irvin and Nick Coates.
3. Sophomore class favorites are Chuck Mitchell and Jonni Beth Hughes.



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Faculty encounters kaleidoscopic roles

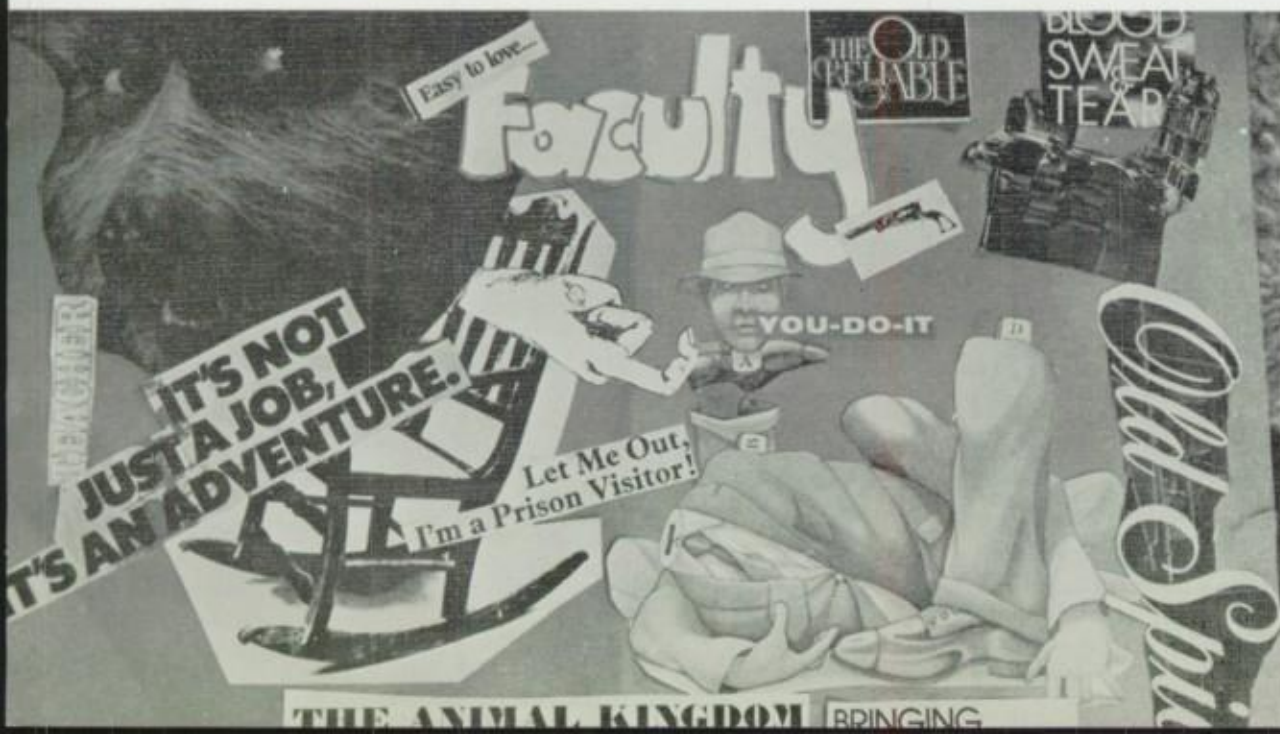
As necessary a part of Abilene High as the students, the faculty, as always, served a supportive role. With their many behind-the-scenes operations, teachers made many student activities possible. They filled in as sponsors, advisers, disciplinarians, and often as substitute parents.

Despite the time they sacrificed for students, teachers found opportunities for fun of their own. They organized perhaps the greatest extravaganza of our time, the Cooper pep rally skit, a parade of familiar Disney and storybook characters streaming by declaring their allegiance to AHS and prophesying certain doom to our opponents. Faculty also designed and wore their own T-shirts which proudly entitled them as "AHS Faculty Fossils."

Whether doing for themselves or for their students, the AHS faculty most certainly did.



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1. A rare occasion is to catch Mr. Charles Lambdin being serious while teaching one of his algebra classes.

2. Although teachers claim to be unbearably busy at all times, these few (Mrs. Suzanne Chalcraft, Mrs. Cindy Deegan, Ms. Barbara Black, Mrs. Marie Yaeger, Mr. Phillip Lana, Mr. Lee Abernathy, Mr. Lynn Nickols, Mr. Jim Miller, and Dr. John Townsend) make time from their schedules to hog the camera.

3. This collage could have been made up by one of the AHS faculty members to release pent up anxieties and fears.

Faculty is somewhat humanoid

Although actually all a faculty member was was a student who never got up the nerve to leave school, some people had misconceptions about them. It was totally and unequivocally untrue that Mr. Boone spent every night in the office vault. Furthermore, all of the administrators and teachers at Abilene High were in fact born and were not just inventions of some mad, depraved scientist. Believe it or not, some teachers, even our administrators, were married, had kids of their own, and had hobbies and things to do after school hours.

Existing in the computer age, Abilene High was fortunate to have truly human teachers. They were people who cared and wanted the best for their students. Through the bad and good of the year at AHS, the students were fortunate to have the guiding forces of the administration and teachers. Their influences will always be felt. A teacher is forever.



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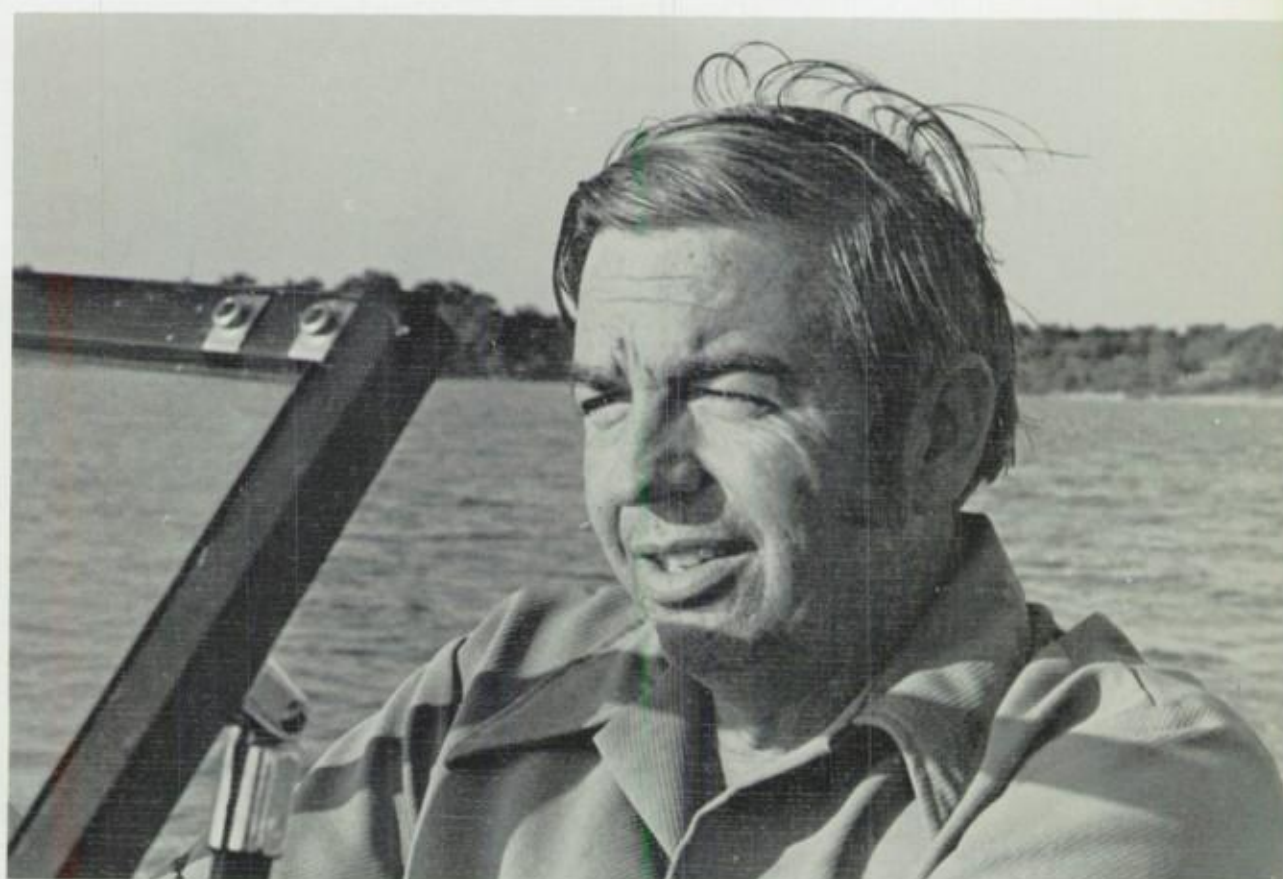
Miss Joyce Abbott
Mr. Lee Abernathy
Mr. Pat Aguilar
Mrs. Anita Alcorta
Mrs. Nyoka Anderson
Mr. Carl Bacon
Miss Beverly Ball
Mrs. Judy Bird

Ms. Barbara Black
Mr. B. L. Blackburn
Mr. Roland Blackford
Mrs. Debbie Bly
Mr. Phil Boone
Mr. James Boynton
Mr. Larry Bradley
Mrs. Linda Bratton

Miss Jozell Brister
Mrs. Martha Brooks
Mr. Martin Brubaker
Mrs. Leona Bryant
Mrs. Patricia Burton
Mrs. Martha Carroll
Mrs. Mary Castleberry
Mrs. Suzanne Chalcraft



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At one of the pep rallies, Principal Phil Boone leans back and relaxes with Mr. Bill Yarborough to enjoy the show.
In his spare time, Assistant Principal Chester McAlpin can be found getting ready to go hunting—his favorite sport.
Concentrating on his boat for a while and taking his mind off AHS, Mr. Boone enjoys a weekend at Lake Greenwood.
Not only is Mr. Gayle Lomax an assistant principal, but also a father as he shows by taking on his fatherly duties in the evening with Lee Anne, Kimberly, and Kurt.
Sure he's proud of his AHS kids, but Dean Charles Perkins has even more pride in his own new son, Drew.

Miss Linda Collins
Mrs. Vicki Cook
Mr. Cecil Couch
Mr. George Credicott
Mrs. Peggy Crouch



Miss Percy Darwin
Mrs. Ava Davis
Mr. Robert Davis
Mrs. Sue Day
Miss Avis Deavers



Mr. Bill Decker
Mrs. Cindy Deegan
Mrs. Marie Denham
Mrs. Jo Dooley
Mr. Philip Dortch



Mr. H. A. Dunn
Mr. Ronald Esman
Mrs. Billie Gray
Mrs. Carol Hamner
Miss Sherry Hansen



Mrs. Ouida Harkey
Mrs. Darla Harlow
Mrs. Marion Henry
Mrs. Lenora Hernandez
Mr. Danny Hood



Mr. Mac Hurley
Mr. Mike Johnston
Mr. Dewitt Jones
Mr. David Keenamer
Mr. Joseph Keys



Mrs. Glenda Kirklen
Mrs. Denise Kutch
Mr. J. C. Lambdin
Mr. Phillip Lana
Mr. Gayle Lomax



Mr. Chester McAlpin
Mrs. Jean McClure
Mrs. Nell Macon
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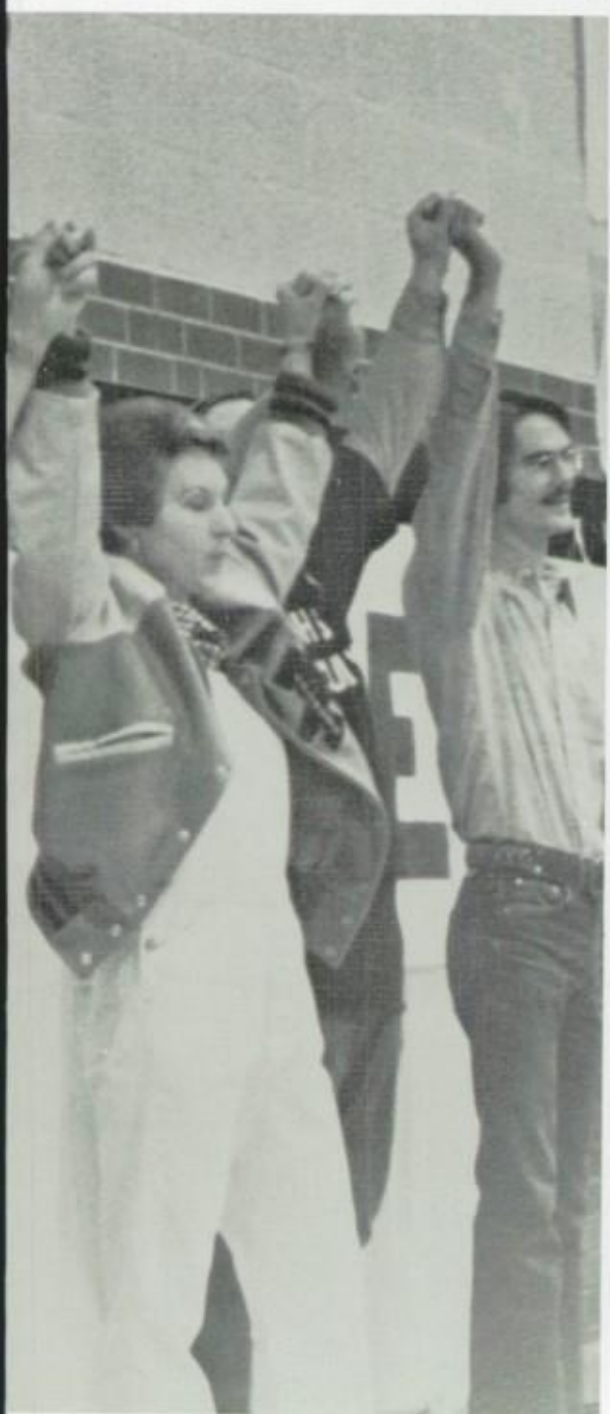


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1. During the AHS-CHS pep rally, Mr. Phil Boone changes from principal to Superman.
2. Provoking spirit and arousing enthusiasm, Mr. Carl Bacon carries out his version of "Tinker Bell" during the AHS-CHS pep rally.
3. Showing his true feelings, Mr. Lee Abernathy puts on a typical "Abernathy" expression.
4. Showing spirit by the traditional act of raising their hands during the school song, Ms. Brenda Slagle, Mr. Wes Odell, Mrs. Nancy Noll, Mr. Lee Abernathy, and Mr. Steve Perkins join the student body in song.
5. Before the Midland pep rally, Mrs. Nancy Noll instructs the cheerleaders and Eagle Squad on the '50's style of spirit.



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Faculty is full of it—spirit and support

The faculty played a large part in the spirit of AHS. This year they made tangible their support of the Eagles with the purchase and wearing of faculty T-shirts and the presentation of a skit given at the AHS-CHS pep rally.

The faculty helped out in numerous activities. Besides this show of enthusiasm, many teachers gave up countless hours of their time to sponsor the various student-oriented activities carried on throughout the year. Not only the extra hours they gave but their opinions and ideas were a great influence on the student body.

The Bold Gold, Eagle Squad, and cheerleaders were the groups that were recognized as channeling and encouraging AHS spirit. Behind crepe paper and balloons, however, could be found a solid, supportive group of involved teachers. They backed up the people backing up the student body. Without their support and supervision, the elaborate pep rallies and rec nights which spruced up the year could never have been held.

Although they were characteristically thrust into the school-marm stereotype, most students realized and appreciated the enthusiastic support of a dedicated and spirited group of pedigogs.

inSight:

The endless day of the substitute

The life of the substitute teacher was often one of total anonymity. At most, the substitute was seen as a fleeting fill-in, a momentary mercenary. Few students or faculty realized the trials substitutes inherited with each job.

Often a substitute was given such short notice of a work assignment as to make a 6:00 a. m. phone call quite normal. After such a rousing arousing (okay, awakening!) this poor person had the questionable pleasure of preparing to face at least five classes of thirty students each with their own special plans for the day, which usually included not doing their work, making unplanned and unnecessary visits to the restroom, and any other trick which would make the substitute feel very uncomfortable as well as very unloved.

After struggling through a day or more of sketchy instructions and scheming students, substitutes proved themselves to be of a strong mettle. So let us take notice, be amazed, and perhaps even be appreciative of the great cooperation which most of these brave beings showed throughout the entire course of their substituting.

Although being a substitute was usually not a permanent job, after a few days as "commander and chief" of a class, it was truly plenty for any creature or man, and certainly, congratulations were well deserved for the substitute teacher. Below, Mrs. Pam Diffenbaugh, a regular AHS substitute, struggles through lesson plans at her "desk-for-the-day" laden with books.



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SRC aids students

Although the Student Relations Committee (SRC) consisted of only teachers, its sole goal was to make things better for the students.

Each trimester two English teachers were appointed to iron out the problems incurred in the English department.

Duties of the SRC included checking each student's permanent record each trimester to be sure the English courses were correctly recorded and to be sure the student knew what courses he needed to take in required categories. Coordinating a book fair and the monthly Campus book orders also demanded much of their time.

Despite the importance of all these, the most significant job was to serve as a referral committee to deal with problems or problem students in any English class. This included dealing with teacher-student personality clashes, students who were failing, or scheduling problems.

Although most students were not aware of the SRC, it affected the school life of everyone enrolled in English.

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Mr. Wes Odell
Mr. Norman Olsen
Mr. Charlie Perkins
Mr. Steve Perkins
Mr. Dub Pierce
Mr. Ross Plant
Mrs. Carolyn Poteet
Mrs. Carolyn Presswood

Mrs. Dorothy Presswood
Mrs. Evelyn Raymond
Sgt. John Reising
Mr. Tom Riley
Mr. Steve Rinard
Mr. J. W. Rives
Mrs. Willeen Roberts
Miss Carolyn Roney

Mr. Bill Scott
Mr. Sam Seidel
Miss Louise Self
Mrs. Dorothy Sherman
Mrs. Shirley Shrum
Mr. Jim Simpson
Ms. Brenda Slagle
Mrs. Gerry Slaughter

1. Questioning a student to find out why he is failing EIB is only one of the jobs of SRC member Mr. Mac Hurley.



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1. Not only does she tackle her job as head librarian, but Ms. Dorothy Sherman also knows through the act of judo how to tackle anyone who walks up behind her.
2. Enjoying one of many relaxing afternoons at the golf course after a grueling day at school are Mr. Norman Olsen and Mr. Blackie Blackburn.
3. Outside activities include square dancing for Mr. Cecil Couch, Ms. Barbara Watson, Mr. Chester McAlpin, and Mrs. Vicki Cook.
4. Teaching students isn't the only creative activity Mr. Chester McAlpin, and Ms. Barbara Black do very well they demonstrate as they do-si-do at one of the regular square dances they attend.
5. Working with elementary children at a Monday night gymnastics program, Mr. Sam Siedel helps a young girl do a flip.
6. Keeping in shape, Ms. Frances King puts her all into winning a tennis match.

Exercise keeps teachers busy, happy

Unbelievable as it seemed, teachers really didn't sleep in lockers and under desks. They ate, drank, went to the restroom, and played just like the rest of us. Besides involving themselves with the development of our mental growth, most AHS teachers enjoyed some athletic recreation.

A group of teachers including Ms. Barbara Black, Mr. Cecil Couch, Mr. Fred Stirman, Mrs. Jean McClure, Mrs. Vicki Cook, Mr. Chester McAlpin, square danced in their spare time. Ms. Sherman, head librarian, practiced judo every week. And that was only a beginning. Teachers jogged, played tennis, played golf, rode bikes, played basketball, played handball, you name it!

Even though teachers sometimes seemed to be inhuman monsters, they proved they could have fun like the rest of us.



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Mr. Travis Smith
Mrs. Claudia Southern
Mr. Louie Spinks
Mr. C. L. Springer
Mr. Fred Stirman
Miss Mildred Stokes
Mrs. Kay Taylor
Mrs. Linda Thomason

Mrs. Vivian Thornton
Mr. Jerry Ticer
Dr. John Townsend
Miss Linda Walker
Mr. Curtis Watkins
Mrs. Kayla Watkins
Mrs. Barbara Watson
Mrs. Lucy Weaver

Mrs. June Whitt
Mr. Gary Willis
Ms. Verna Wilson
Mr. Bill Yarbrough
Mr. Jaryl Young

Dreams of Hawaii finally materialize

Aloha! Ever imagined a career filled with fun, sun, excitement and travel? For two of our cafeteria workers, Mrs. Deb Rule and Mrs. Nova Johns, this imagination became reality when they flew to Hawaii for the National School Food Service Convention. From the Abilene and Anson areas, 26 cafeteria workers rode to Dallas on a yellow school bus and flew to the convention. The cafeteria workers stayed in the Hawaiian Region Hotel where about six of the different department stores in Hawaii put in special branches for the convention ladies to do their shopping more easily. There was a tour of Pearl Harbor, a chance to see the Don Ho Show, a chance to see the Dick Jensen Show, a many other special activities, tours, and banquets.

One special occasion was the President's Reception, held in a park near the water where the convention headquarters were. Twenty thousand people were there to be served.

"I've never seen so many people and so much food in my life!" said Mrs. Johns. For two long years the ladies tried to raise money for this special convention. They

had bake sales and fish fries, spaghetti dinners, and garage sales. This still didn't bring in all the money needed, and our cafeteria workers were given \$100 from the Texas State Teachers Association. Our own faculty donated \$60.

Both Mrs. Rule and Mrs. Johns learned to improve their service to us and enjoyed a great seven days. It was a dream trip well deserved.



Mr. Ricardo Alcorta
Mrs. Laverne Austin
Mrs. Elizabeth Burton
Mrs. Margant Guernsey
Mr. William Harris
Mrs. Bertha Hester
Mrs. Nova Johns
Mr. R. E. Johnson



Mr. Willie Johnson
Mr. Luis Quesada
Mrs. Deb Rule
Mrs. Deliah Sikes
Mrs. Neva McDearman
Mrs. Doris Watts
Mrs. Joyce Yancy



1. Outside the Royal Hawaiian, Mrs. Deb Rule basks in the Hawaiian sun.
2. Fun was first on the list, and between convention activities, Mrs. Nova Johns, Mrs. Deb Rule, and Mrs. Jenny Stewman, found time to "kick their shoes off."
3. Friends made the Hawaii trip more enjoyable Ann Henry, Deb Rule, and Audrey Edwards found as they talked of the day's events.



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Seniors create memories, move on

Unstoppable, the mighty seniors of '77 roared through their last year. After getting second in the costume division of Sing Song, the seniors again rose to the top with traditional senior activities along with a few strictly associated with the class. The sock hop, senior trip, senior picnic, and senior stunt all added to the memorabilia of the year. Senior radio day, senior follies, and the senior breakfasts, in addition to the baccalaureate and graduation exercises, will live forever in the memories of the people who made them a reality. After bequeathing their natural position at the top of their school, the seniors went into the world to bring further honor to the class they represented. The mighty senior class of '77 will live forever.



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1. Contemplating any of a number of decisions seniors are faced with, Annalisa Martin waits and worries.
2. Mad with the glory of power and showing it are seniors (front row) Randy Norris, Kim Hill, Pam Maxwell, Cheryl Yacano, Mary Helen Seibt, (back row) Russell Powers, Carla Swindle, Billy Thomason, Kim Jerige, Terry Townsend, Gayle Meyer.
3. Showing an illustrious present and a burning future, this collage blends the now and coming time of the seniors of '77.

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Senior staff attempts little of "everything"

"They have done everything," commented sponsor Mr. Lee Abernathy, referring to the senior class.

Among "everything" were activities such as breakfasts, a sock hop, radio day, a picnic, paid assemblies, arranging bus trips to games, and something new—the district bell recovery fund.

The staff met twice each month with sponsors Mr. Lee Abernathy and Miss Lynda Collins. Officers were Jeff Berryman (president), Vicki Lamb (vice-president), Carol Holloway (secretary/treasurer), Cara Sue Sitton (reporter), and Bill Dawley (student council representative).



*Rodney Abbott
Joe Acosta
Iris Adams
Jodie Adams
Carlene Ake*



*Diane Allen
Robert Allred
Greg Amburn
Tracy Andress
Kim Andrews*



*Marjorie Andrews
Tony Anthony
Ike Arauza
Debra Arms
Mona Ashford*



*Anna Augustine
Terry Aunt
Charlotte Austin
Dale Avery
Suzanne Ayers*





*Ricky Bailey
Rhonda Bains
Dwayne Ballou
Leslie Barber
Kent Barnett*

*Richard Bartlett
Jerry Ann Baucum
Glenda Baxter
Sandra Beaudet
Kenneth Beggs*

*Sally Behney
David Behrends
Cecilia Bell
Richard Benavides
Diane Bennett*

*Jeff Berryman
Rosemary Bielfeldt
Debra Bien
Jeff Binion
Bridget Booker*



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Senior staff members. FRONT ROW: Jeff Berryman (president), Bill Dawley (student council representative), Mr. Lee Abernathy (sponsor). BACK ROW: Vicki Lamb (vice president), Carol Holloway (secretary/treasurer), Cara Sue Sitton (reporter), Miss Lynda Collins (sponsor).
2. Discussing plans for future activities at Bill Dawley's house are Vicki Lamb, Jeff Berryman, Cara Sue Sitton, Carol Holloway, Miss Lynda Collins, Bill Dawley, and Mr. Lee Abernathy.

Seniors confront dual responsibilities

Many people think married life, jobs and college come only after high school, but for many AHS seniors this was not true.

It was estimated by nurse June Whitt that 20 to 30 students at AHS entered their year married and facing a double responsibility—the caring for a household and the burden of school work.

Jobs were a common thing among seniors. Seventy-two work permits were issued during the first trimester alone, and seniors held jobs ranging from gas station attendant to secretary

Most seniors were merely being counseled for college choice and entrance, and it was predicted that 53.6% of the men, and 50.4% of the women would go on to college after high school. The total estimated was 51.9% of this year's senior class.



*John Bordelon
Rhonda Bourland
Sam Box
Kim Boynton
Weldon Bragg*



*Debbie Bridges
Tina Bromley
Donna Brooks
Ginger Brown
Renetta Brown*



*Rena Bunkley
Carol Burdell
Brent Burkhart
Zoe Burns
Albert Bynum*



*Craig Caffey
Floyd Caldwell
Elaine Cargile
Elaine Carson
Jenni Carter*





Franklin Carter
Tim Carter
Donna Cartwright
Cindy Carver
Lanna Casey

Ky Cauble
Mary Beth Chalk
Mike Chance
Russ Chance
Terry Chorn

Jimmy Clark
Terry Clark
Nick Coates
Billy Coleman
David Collins

Billy Combs
Linda Cook
Carol Cooper
Vickie Cooper
Tammy Copsey



1. Taking on the burdens of a double responsibility, Nancy Kontos hurries to finish house work so she can start on school work.
2. Admittance to Texas A&M is an important topic for counselor Marie Denam and Tim Carter.

Varied celebrations involve Mexican-American students

Each year many students were involved in the varied activities of Mexican Independence Day, and this year Julie Cortinez, AHS senior, was crowned queen of the American GI Forum of Abilene. Julie defeated her southside rival by accumulating more donations and votes.

The queen contest has been sponsored by the GI Forum each year for about 10 years. The organization works to help eliminate discrimination and to help Mexican-Americans find jobs.

Other activities celebrating Mexican Independence Day each year included a fiesta, a parade, a dance, and a special Mass at St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church. After the Mass, Julie was presented with a trophy, and at the dance she was officially crowned.

The American GI Forum of Abilene also held dances each year at the Abilene Civic Center to raise money for their John F. Kennedy Scholarship which was awarded to two Mexican-American students entering college.



*James Corbin
Cathy Cornish
Gloria Cortinez
Julie Cortinez
Doug Cory*



*Alice Castillo
Tracy Cottrell
Cindy Crawford
Tina Crowder
Sara Crowe*



*Mary Cruse
Lee Curiel
Brett Cullers
Greg Cunningham
Roni Curtis*



*Edward Daniels
James Darnold
Jo Ann Daugherty
Cindy Davee
Bill Dawley*





*Fred DeHerrera
Adriane de La Vega
Armanda DeLuna
Ted Dennis
Clifford Densman*

*Mike Derrick
Doug Diener
Vaughn Dickman
David Doidge
Darrell Dorset*

*Chandra Duncan
Debra Dumont
Fred Dupont
Patrica Duran
Peter Eastburn*

*Ann Eden
Linda Edmonson
Mike Edwards
Dave Einsel
Darla Elam*



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1. Surrounded by her court, Julie Cortinez, Queen of the GI Forum, prepares to ride in the parade.
2. Making a float for the Mexican-American Independence Day celebration is not easy for queen candidate Julie Cortinez.

George Elliott
Stephanie Elliott
David Ely
Sue Emanuel
Mack Escobedo



Diane Esquivel
Mary Helen Estrada
Cheryl Evans
Stacy Evans
Stephanie Ewing



Donna Fabianke
Rhonda Fair
Debra Fancher
Mike Feenster
Sherry Felts



Darrell Ferguson
Lynn Ferrell
Greg Fields
Linda Fields
Debby Fisher



Emilio Flores
John Flores
Joseph Flores
Margaret Flores
Ricky Forrester



1. Participating in more than one group in Sing Song can be tricky. Sara Crowe learns this as she tries to get the right look for one group and have everything ready to change quickly for the next.
2. Applying and checking make-up for their senior class costumes at dress rehearsal are Ricky Forrester and Valeri Lambert.



*Jim Foster
Christie Fraser
Randy Friend
Donna Frodge
Tony Gaines*

*Tony Gallardo
David Ganaway
Abel Garcia
Jan Garcia
Paula Garcia*

*Becky Gardener
Mary Garza
Cary George
Louise George
Christy Gibbs*

*Chris Gidley
Amy Gilbert
Pam Giles
David Gillette
Mari Gillis*



Unity steels class

The center of homecoming week, Sing Song has always been a time for the development of class unity. Countless hours of endless rehearsals assured a certain camaraderie.

This year was no different for the class of '77. For the last time, the seniors put forth a mighty effort. Through all the laughs, quarrels, pep sessions, and tears the class worked as an inseparable unit.

When the curtain opened on Thursday night, there were Raggedy Anns and Andys and one little toy maker, director Tim Willis. And even though for the first and only time the class didn't place in the competition, in the hearts of the seniors on stage and off, it was a first-class show.

No gas, no class

Classes were called off the second Monday of the new year, but the weather was only indirectly the cause. With the ice and snow came bitter cold, raising the thermostats in many homes. In order to accommodate the homes and conserve the natural gas supply, schools as well as several businesses were temporarily closed. The following day, with still more ice threatening driving conditions, most students were reluctant to return to school although they did enjoy the unexpected holiday.



Rebecca Gillum
Sheryl Glover
Kurt Goetz
Cindy Goldsmith
Homero Gonzales



Gary Gragg
Robert Grabowski
Mike Green
Gaye Greever
Bryan Grimes



Vicki Hadlock
Tanya Haggerton
Karen Hahn
James Hale
Gayla Hall



Auna Hallford
Randy Hammons
Alan Hardwicke
Howard Harendt
Gary Hargrove



Johnny Hargrove
Paul Harless
Bobby Harris
Sandy Hazelton
David Heul



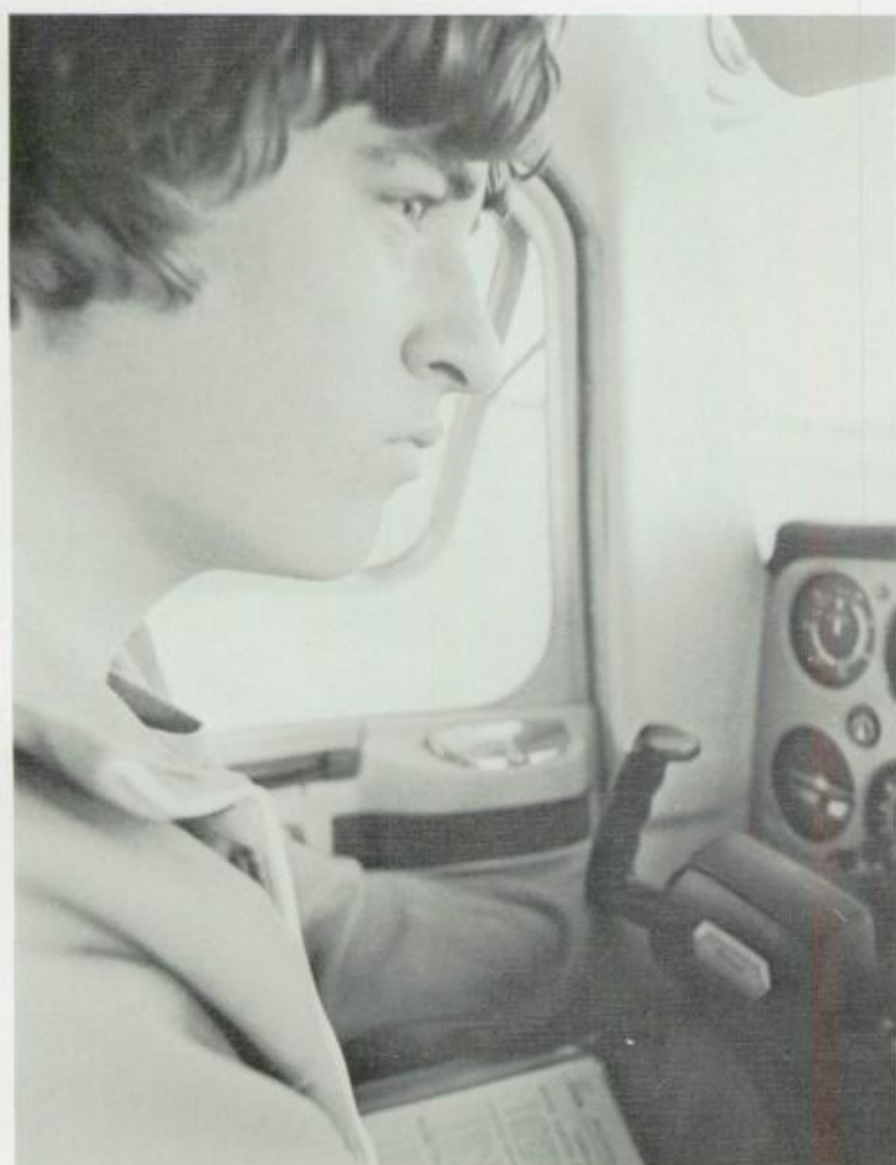
1. Taking advantage of a day off and unusual Texas weather, Randal Wilson and David Behrends construct a snow fort.



David Hege
Paul Heimermann
George Hernandez
Liz Herrera
Steve Hickman

Denise Hicks
Kim Hill
Lela Hines
Lisa Hisey
Theresa Hogg

Frank Holeton
Carol Holloway
Robert Hollowell
Vicki Hood
Shelly Hoppe



inSight: Flying-fantastic!

Since the dawning of the jet age, scarce is the person who has seen the beautiful silver birds of man's creation and not longed and dreamed of one day flying one himself. For Randy Owen, an AHS senior, this was no longer a dream, but a reality.

Randy began working toward his private pilot's license at the end of his junior year. The required six weeks of ground school, taken at Abilene Aero two nights a week for three hours each night, stretched well into summer. Along with the thirty-six hours of ground school, forty hours of flying time were needed.

In the tradition of learning pilots, a square of Randy's T-shirt was cut out by his fellow flyers and the words "First Solo" emblazoned across it to commemorate the momentous occasion when it finally came about after all those hard hours of work.

The process for acquiring a private pilot's license was much like that of a driver's license. After completing ground school, Randy took a written test for single-engine planes, and later (after meeting flying time requirements) took a "flight check" under the supervision of a Federal Aviation Administration official. Having passed both tests, Randy was given his private pilot's license.

Accomplishment though this was, Randy was not stopped there, but worked toward a multi-engine rating which would allow him to fly twin-engine planes.

Will he stop? Well, Randy was often seen with a gleam in his eye and a fierceness in his voice about . . . skydiving?!

Melissa Hopson
 Jamie Howard
 Vicky Howard
 Kathy Howell
 Norma Howell



Vicki Hubbard
 Buddy Hughes
 Vickye Hunnicutt
 David Ice
 Jeff Iorg



Carla Irvin
 Buddy Ives
 John Jaramillo
 Susan Jean
 Deborah Jennings



Kim Jerige
 Betty Jimenez
 Charlotte Johnson
 Jeff Johnson
 Jill Johnson



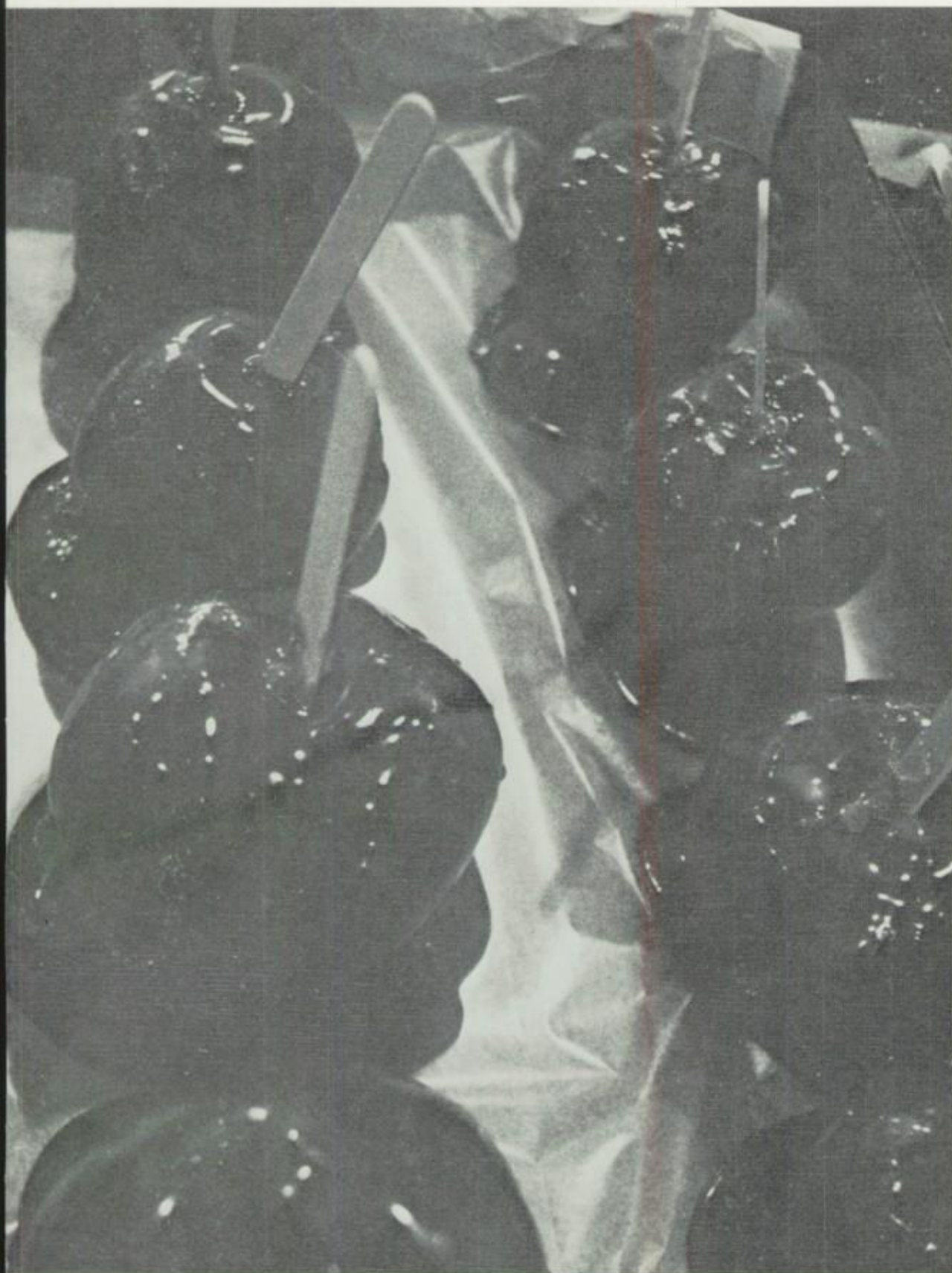
Julie Johnson
 Raymond Johnson
 Tina Johnson
 Jerry Jonas
 Charles Jones



Don Jones
 Dovie Jones
 Joe Jones
 Robert Jones
 Ricky Josselet



1. Carmel apples are among the goodies students find at the sock hop booths.
2. Not only is dancing part of the hop, but as Theresa Price shows, there are recreational games, too.
3. Providing the sound for the hop is disc jockey B. J. Keith from KRBC.



Hop renews '50's

If someone not affiliated with Abilene High had been at the gym January 27 at 7:30, he probably would have been a bit bewildered. People in fifties style clothing swarmed the gym—dancing, talking, laughing, and just having a good time. Who were these strange people?

Why, it was most of Abilene High's student body at the hop sponsored by the senior class to raise money for senior activities.

Seniors, juniors, and sophomores all got a chance to dress up and experience their idea of what life in the fifties was like.

A smorgasbord of people did a smorgasbord of things. Greasy-headed Fonzie's danced with full-skirted girls wearing oxfords, while some hungry students chomped on snowcones furnished by the Key Club.

Some "nerds" were trotted off to the National Honor Society jail where they waited a maximum of 15 minutes or paid a minimum 25 cent bond.

Though the gym was sticky hot and the night cold, lots of students turned out to prove that the 1977 Abilene High still had a little 1950 Abilene High hanging around.

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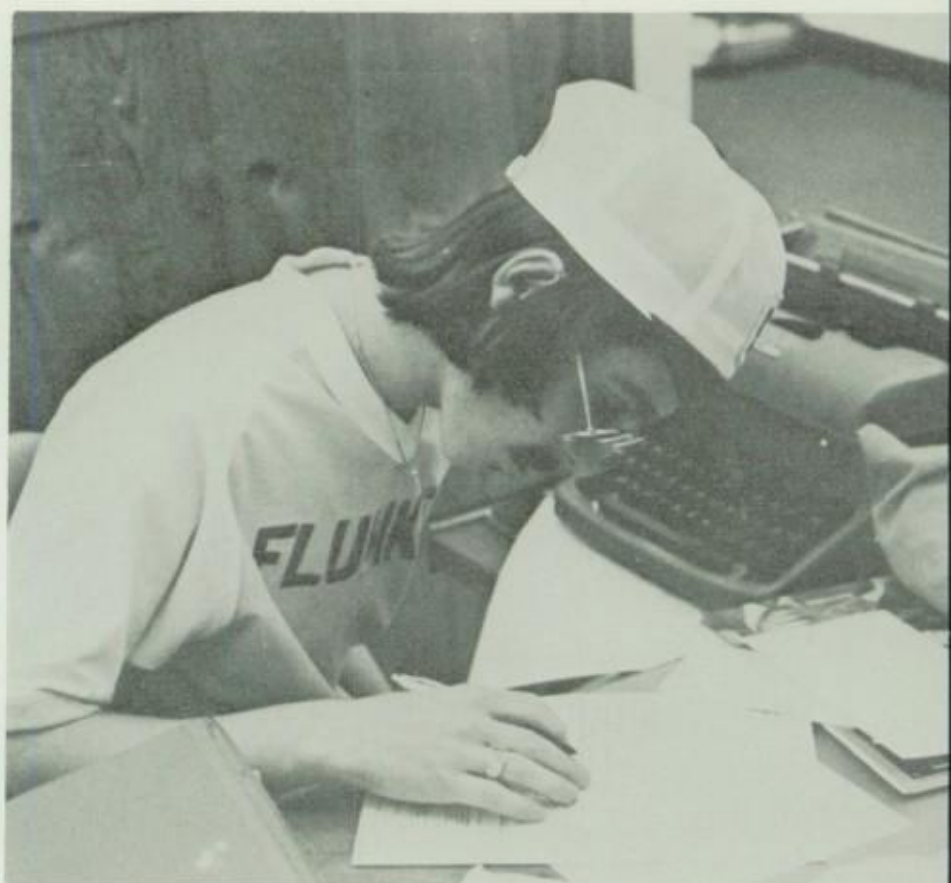
Fun, sense of achievement encompasses Senior Radio Day

"A big success," said Mr. Lee Abernathy, one of the advisers for Senior Radio Day, held March 12 from 6 a. m. to 1 a. m. at KNIT radio station.

The hardest part seemed to be the selling of the ads, and many seniors grew discouraged trudging from business to business all over Abilene. But after the ads were sold enthusiasm picked up and everything went smoothly.

Seniors showed a lot of enthusiasm in filling the many jobs that were necessary in the planning and carrying out of radio day. Some were D. J.'s, some worked in the record library, some sold ads, some wrote advertising spots, some were receptionists, and some just played the part of the unseen backers and listeners on March 12 when all the planning and hard work was tested.

The seniors worked hard, and it paid off.



*Leisa Kearney
Tim Keeney
Larry Kimbrough
Jan King
Ronald King*



*Mike Kinney
Shane Kiser
Tammy Koch
Nancy Kontos
George Koplen*



*Beth Lucy
Vicki Lamb
Valeri Lambert
Mike Landry
Lorri Lantz*



*Larry Lathrop
Manuel Ledesma
James Lewey
Claudia Lewis
Don Lewis*



1. Working as a receptionist, David Vaughn goes over the list of ads for radio day.
2. The work of a D. J. seems easy for Orie Perez and Glenda Baxter taking a five minute break.



Dirk Lieb
Amy Lipford
Jo Lomas
Joyce Lopez
Linda Lott



Robert Loza
Mike McAuliffe
Terry McClean
Bobby McCain
Cindy McDill



Sandy McFarland
Bessie McGarity
David McGhghy
Alan McKay
Mark McKeehan



Gene McKenzie
Cindy McLaughlin
Anne McNeil
Linda Maddox
Robin Marsh



Annalisa Martin
Kathy Martin
Abe Martinez
Alice Martinez
Joanne Martinez





*Scott Marler
 Charles Mashburn
 Scott Mayhall
 Pamela Maxwell
 Wayne Maxwell*



*Don Meredith
 Roy Mesa
 Gayle Meyer
 Theresa Meyerdick
 Rhonda Miller*



*Mark Mims
 Cindy Monrrial
 Gracie Moreno
 Nancy Morgan
 Dale Morris*



*Bobby Morton
 Jeff Moss
 Marjorie Moss
 Mike Mowry
 Dearl Musick*



1. Waiting for Mr. Dick Jacks and Mrs. Glenda Kirklen to get their invitation order is a very long and depressing job for seniors.
2. "Can a graduation cap really fit on such a big head?" wonders Dean Perkins as he measures Jim Foster for his cap and gown.



*Scottye Nash
Robby Neill
Tammy Newman
Kathy Nichols
Roger Niehaus*

*Mike Noe
Jimmy Noland
Quana Noone
Darrell Nuber
Tai Nunnally*

*Stuart O'Connor
Glenda Odstricil
Janelle Oglesby
Lon Oldham
Alice Oles*

*Earline Oliver
Ricky Oliver
Jesse Olvera
Pat O'Neill
Carol Ortiz*



End of 12-year struggle signaled by hassles, lines

A big hassle and a lot of excitement. Measuring for caps and gowns and ordering invitations was an exciting task for seniors.

Most seniors would agree that it was a big turning point in their year because it was a sign that the year was almost over and, more importantly, an indication that it was almost time for them to graduate.

But it was also a hassle because so many people had so much to do in so little time. Pay that money! Pick that invitation! What size is your head? How long is your gown?

Yet while the big hassle was evident, there was also a feeling of sadness. Seniors had smiling faces, but inside there was that first feeling of leaving, that first poignant thought behind the happy graduation smile.

Ronnie Ortiz
Gordon Owen
Randy Owen
Shannon Owen
Donna Owens



Jeanelle Owens
Leandro Palacios
Debbie Palm
Candy Parker
Shirley Parker



Terri Parker
Vickie Parker
Patty Patterson
Wash Payne
Donnie Peacock



Raymond Pekowski
Pam Peoples
Simon Pequeno
Anita Perez
Moises Perez



Doug Petty
Ivory Phillips
Randy Phipps
Joe Plant
Joe Powell



Russell Powers
Gina Price
Theresa Price
Linda Quinney
Jeanie Raines



Carole Ramey
Randy Rancier
Jorge Rangel
Mike Redman
Herman Reece





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Activities mark count down

Senior Follies and counting . . . Senior Picnic and counting . . . Six Flags and counting . . . BANG! Graduation!

While sophomores and juniors slaved away the last week of school, most seniors were gayly going about the traditional senior activities.

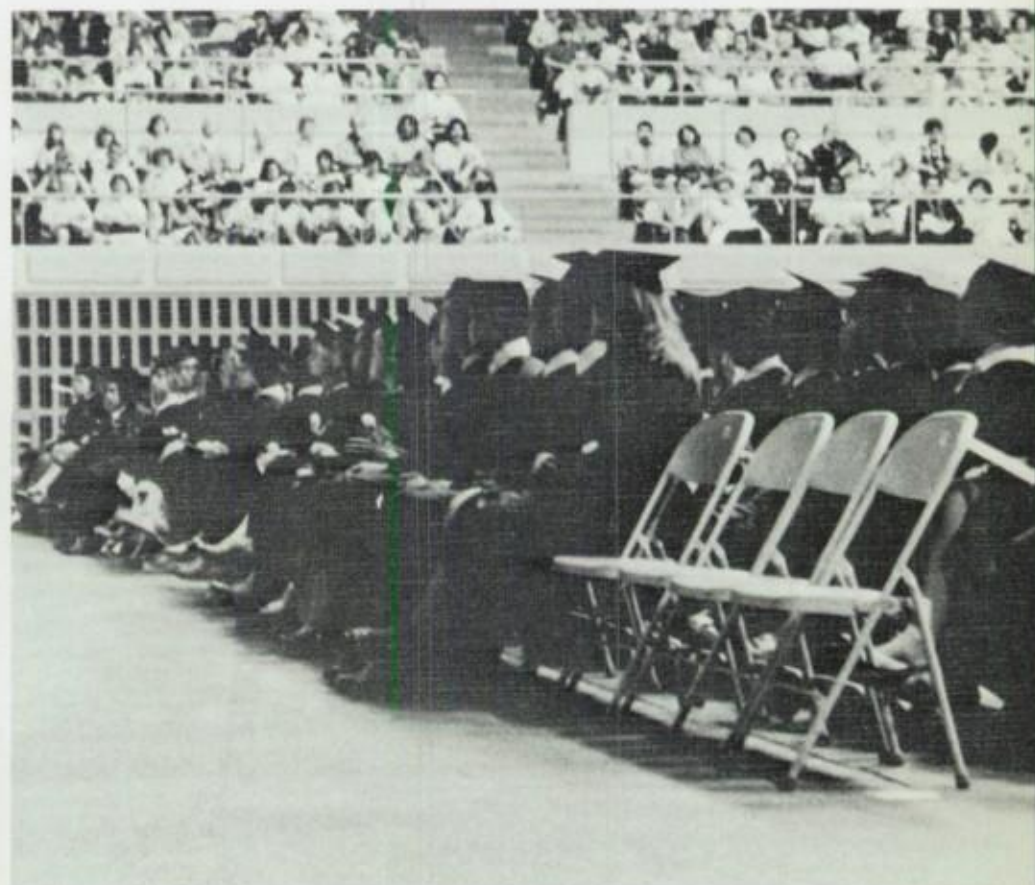
The last days began with the annual, all-in-fun, totally senior production, Senior Follies.

Early the next Friday morning, seniors tromped around the State Park to the tune of Senior Picnic.

The following Monday found the seniors winding their way to and from Six Flags Over Texas.

Graduation ceremonies gave a glorious exclamation mark to the entire exciting week.

Yes sir, nobody was somebody unless they were a senior!



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1. Taking a break from the Six Flags sun are Candy Parker, Ann McNeil, and Orie Perez.

2. The tug-of-war at the Senior Picnic involves not only the participants but the bystanders.

3. Decked out in full regalia of cap and gown, the class of '77 spends its last moments together.

'Forces' invade Abilene park

At approximately 9:00 a. m. Central Daylight Savings Time, Friday, May 27, 1977, the quiet hush of the green trees was shattered.

The invasion was in full swing. Full divisions of the invading army swept over the silent park like an immense wave, conquering all before them. One huge field was immersed in vehicles, and the rest was dominated by the invading forces.

Round objects flew through the air, and miniature saucers floated between the trees and bushes.

The battle raged on.

The forces divided into black, green, gold, red, and blue fronts, each battling against the other for the honor of victory. A long struggle persisted, but the mean green team fortified all strategies and carried off the plunder of victory, a battered tin can.

At 12:15, the forces congregated at several stations, consuming large quantities of rations. Amid the clatter of utensils was scattered the discussions of old strategies, victories, and war wounds.

Finally, the war won and the battle fought, the conquering forces once more manned their vehicles to begin the long journey to the motherland.

The still green of the trees rushed back to the now-empty Abilene State Park, and in the distance could be heard the faint rumbling of the '77 seniors leaving the site of the Senior Picnic far behind.



*Tim Rich
Don Richards
David Richardson
Shelli Richardson
Sonja Richardson*



*Dale Ricker
Ralph Riddell
Nyla Rideout
Elizabeth Riojas
David Rios*



*Viterbo Rios
Donna Roath
Dee Roberson
Andrew Roberts
Jay Roberts*



*K. D. Roberts
Scott Robeson
Kent Robinson
Amelia Rocha
Elena Rocha*





*Ruben Rocha
April Roman
Rogelio Romero
Tony Romero
Randy Ross*

*Esther Ruiz
Mike Runnels
Ricky Sanchez
Terry Sandefur
Sybil Sanders*

*Bobby Sartor
Debbie Saunders
Melinda Santana
Bill Scanlon
Kathy Scannell*



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1. A keen sense of determination, both hers and her teammates', follows Cara Sue "Casey" Sitton to bat.
2. Watching the events was a little less tiring than participating in them, as these seniors well know.
3. Another run by Herman "Payback" Reece caused general jubilation among his teammates.

Sonny Schuknecht
Lori Schwartz
Mary Helen Selbi
Barbara Shawver
Glenn Shedd



Ken Shipman
Brenda Simpson
Lisa Shropshire
Tammy Shotwell
Darla Simpson



Gerald Simpson
Cara Sue Sitton
Barbara Smith
Betty Smith
Dennis Smith



Donna Smith
Lori Smith
Tammy Smith
Vance Smith
Wendell Sowell



Joe Spann
Barbara Spillers
Mike Spivey
Brenda Steele
Kathy Stevens

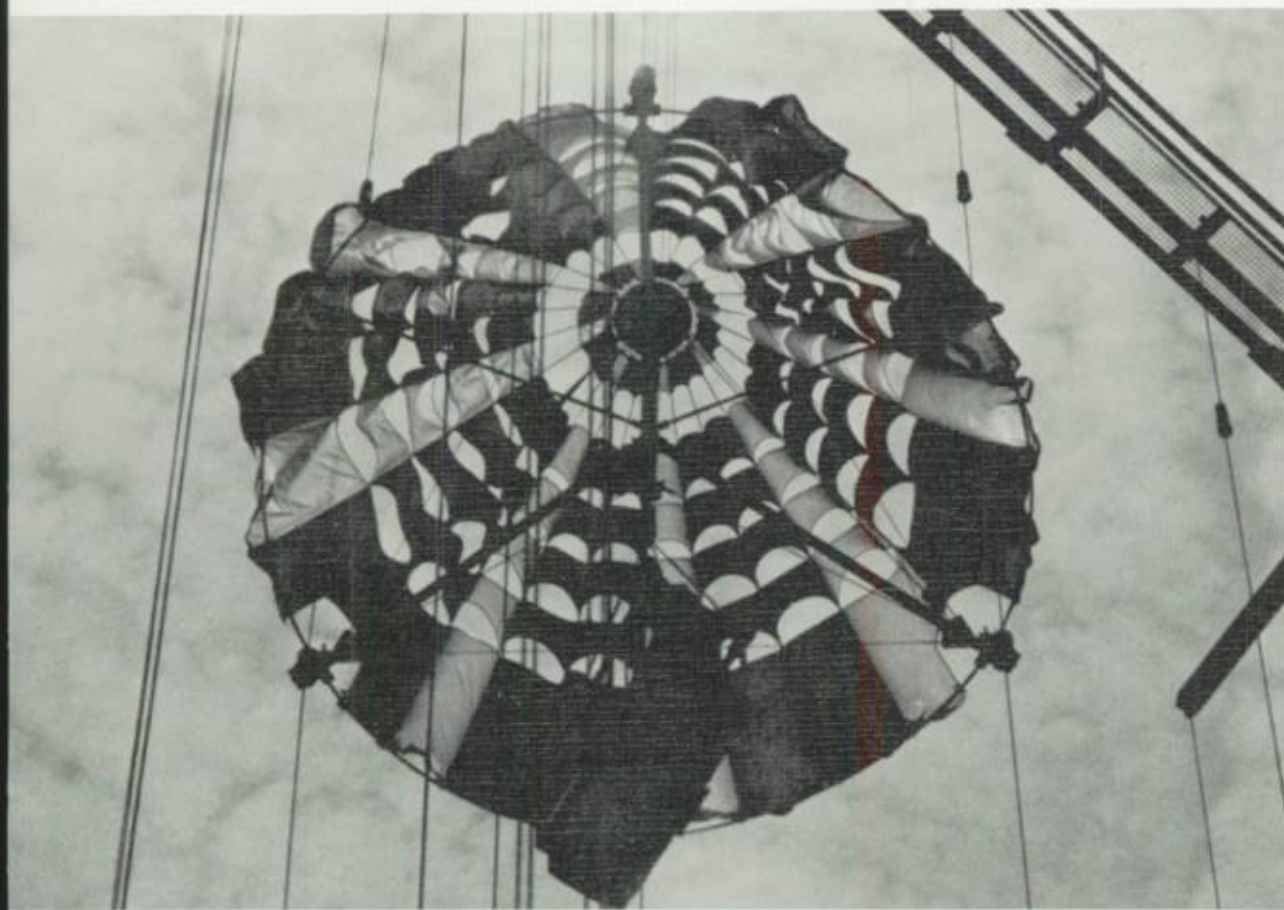


Cynthia Stevenson
Mike Stockton
Shelli Stout
Andy Stover
Sandy Stracener



Patty Strader
James Stucker
David Studebaker
Willis Swarts
Carla Swindle





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S is for sunburn, senior, Six Flags

Six Flags Over Texas will never be the same! The seniors hit town with a bang that is still echoing through the Spelunkers Cave!

The sun rose early for the traveling seniors. They mounted their trusty buses and hit the trail at 6:30 a. m. It was a long, dusty ride, but well worth it.

Six Flags swung open their gates at 10:00, and the seniors promptly stormed the fort. Their day was filled with runaway mine trains, incredibly wet log rides, pink things, whirly rides, bumper cars, and parachute rides—without the benefit of a plane. And, as always, there was the thrilling search for the great white souvenir.

As the sun slowly set on the West Texas skyline, the chartered buses wound their way home, full of sunburned, souvenir-filled seniors.

Yes, S was for senior, Six Flags, sunburn and senior trip.



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1. Among other "tummy-losing" amusements is the new-fangled Texas Chute-Out.
2. Exhausting as well as fun, the Six Flags trip leaves Theresa Hogg and Karen Hahn with rest to catch up on.
3. Canoeing their way down the river, senior "scouts" brave the dangers of a Six Flags adventure.

Commencement finalizes year

Signaling the end of another (and for some the last) year of school, graduation exercises were conducted June 3 in Taylor County Coliseum.

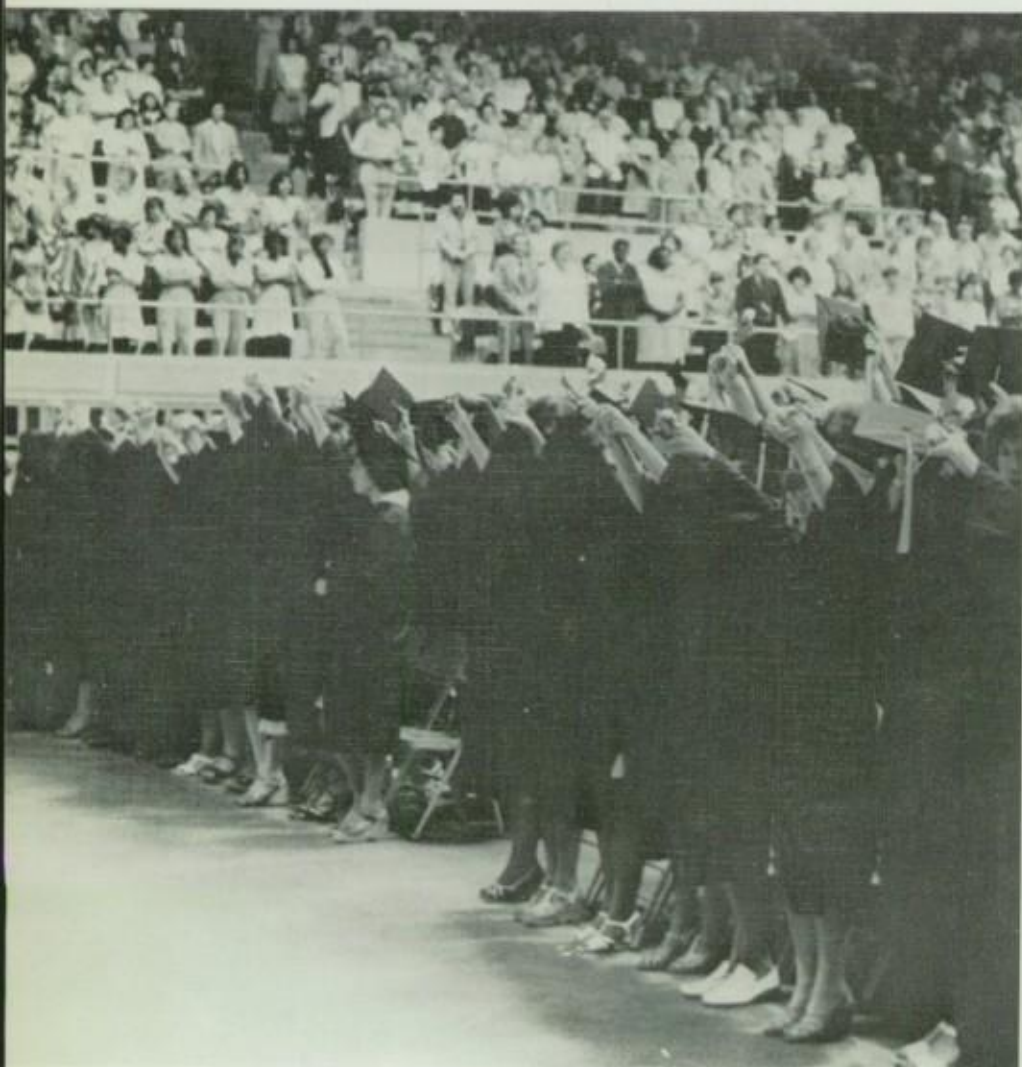
Five hundred nineteen seniors squeezed into the area backstage, in line, to ready themselves for the long (if the last name began with W) wait. Anxiety grew as each one approached the spotlight.

Speeches, poems, and prayers were delivered by the top six graduates and Superintendent-Interim Allison Koonce.

At the end of the school song, caps were flung high into the air. A few tears were shed, but smiles were prevalent over the 89th graduating class of Abilene High.



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1. Staring as if in disbelief, Terry Clark holds in his hands his ticket out of twelve years of school.
2. Singing the school song for the last time as a class, the seniors join hands to recapture the spirit of the years spent at AHS.
3. Congratulating her on her accomplishments, Mr. Wally Bullington shakes the hand of Diane Allen.





Evon Terrell
Mark Terry
Karen Thomas
Mario Thomas
Billy Thomason



Pat Thompson
Robert Thompson
Cindy Tijerina
Penny Tipton
Debbie Tomerlin



Terrye Townsend
Sally Trinidad
Sonya Turner
Roy Underwood
Tammie Urban



Kevin Ussery
Elena Valdez
Cynthia Vasquez
David Vaughn
Richard Velasquez



Ron Vick
Norma Villareal
Cindy Walker
Darrell Wallace
Darlene Walls



Kathy Ward
Henry Warren
Tina Warren
Debbie Watson
Ricky Watson



Doug Watts
Sherri Watts
Letha Weitzel
Robert Wessels
Pennye White

Winston Wiley
Edward Williams
Julie Williams
Rebecca Williams
Terri Williams



Vuree Williams
Kelly Willis
Tim Willis
Denise Wilson
Randal Wilson



Wayne Wilson
Darrell Windland
Debra Wood
Susie Wood
Tom Wood



Jeff Woods
Howard Worthing
Lynda Wright
Sheryl Yacono
Robert Ybarra



Cindy Young
Donnie Younger
Cindy Zachry



Graduation—link between past, future

As graduating seniors, reflections of our high school experiences transcended to speculative thoughts of the future. A mirror of the past flashed memories in our minds. It started with our first memory, and as it progressed, past events came flying at us faster and faster. Yes,

we could reflect on our past, but we could not dwell on it.

Then we were at the present, but not for long. Questions arose about our futures. The mirror became transparent, yet laced by a haze. Many saw themselves going to college or trade school. Some were trying to imagine themselves married. Others dreamed themselves as the highest achievers in their fields. No matter how we saw ourselves, we shared a common bond. We had a future, and we had plans, hopes, dreams, and goals for that future toward which we looked with immeasurable anticipation.



Juniors color “middle-of-the-road”

Juniors—the students who weren't old enough to be seniors but knew that they weren't sophomores. This group of people distinguished themselves this year in several areas in addition to adding to the basic shine at Abilene High. Besides winning second place in class competition in Sing Song, the juniors brought entertainment to the auditorium of Abilene High through the musical group, Brazos. Other than that, they mostly just sat there. Juniors.



1. Making careful calculations, Paul McCord takes aim.

2. Showing excitement at the prospect of becoming seniors are (front row) Bernice Jackson, Anita Munson, Tina Edmond, (middle row) Christy Rohlf, Angie Haggerton, Tammy Winsett, Tami Belz, Gerry Norrel, (back row) James Pliml, Jimmy Esquievel, Michael Griffith.

3. Caught between the stereotype of two classes, the juniors borrowed characteristics of both.

Paula Acosta
David Agnew
Vera Aguero
Gloria Aquilar
Eddie Aguirre
Ruben Aguirre
Pat Allman
Mary Ann Allred



Rachel Alvarado
Jerry Anderson
David Andrews
Peggy Angleton
Ruben Arredondo
Jeff Ashlock
Cheryl Augustadt
Terri Austin



Cathy Avery
John Baach
Bruce Bagwell
Brad Bailey
Merrill Balanciere
Jayne Barnes
Terry Barney
Tina Barnhart



Tony Barton
Calvin Basey
Pam Battee
Sherry Baxter
Tami Belz
Kim Bennett
Mark Bennett
David Berliner



Joe Berry
Kenneth Berry
Becky Bien
Wanda Birdwell
Darla Bishop
Deryl Black
Sandra Blankenship
Amy Bledsoe



Junior officers gain experience, friends

Working to develop leadership qualities, the junior class officers were given various responsibilities. Junior class activities were planned at meetings held with class sponsor Mr. Martin Brubaker. All members had to attend and contribute to Student Council and Student Council Executive Board meetings.

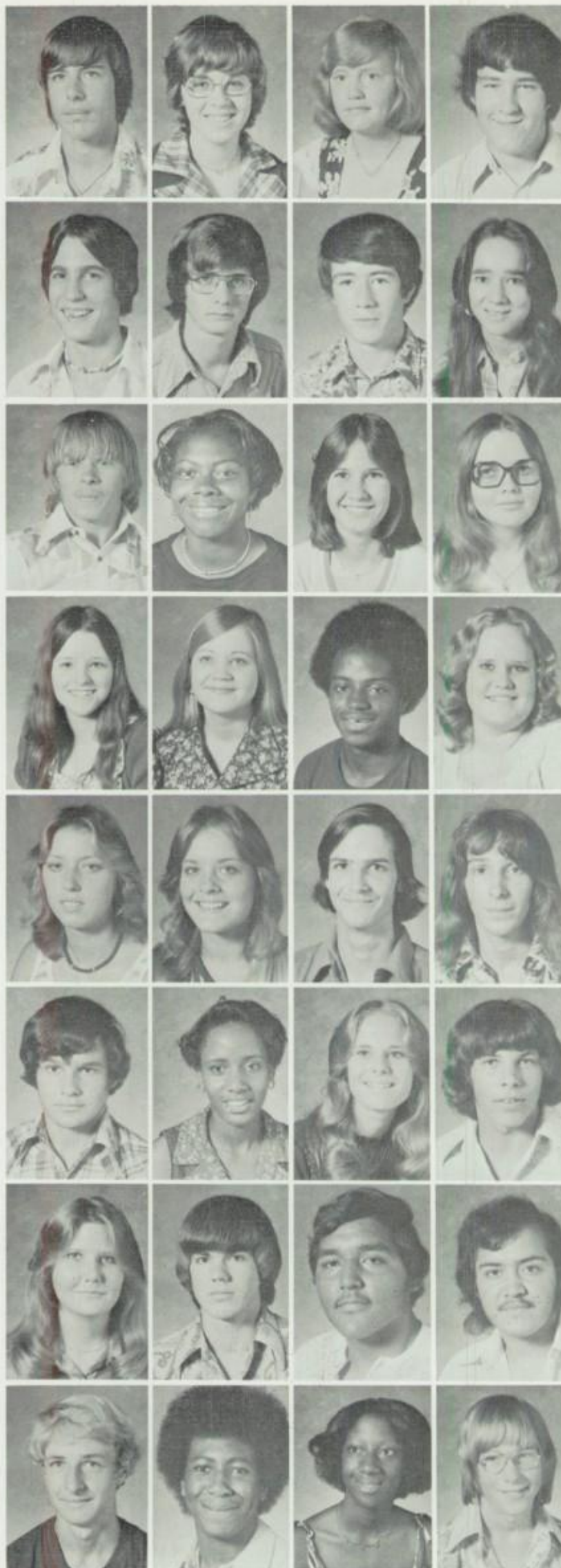
"I like friends, and Student Council gives me more opportunities to have more friends," said E. C. Ice, class president. Beverly Jones, reporter, felt responsible to the sophomore class of '76. "I wanted the junior class of '77 to be more exciting."

Some students felt that the only class officers who were important were the senior class officers, but Vickie Goode felt differently. "Yes we're important. We know how decisions are made and we can help others understand, too."





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Doug Blue
Elizabeth Bordelon
Cindy Bowden
Billy Bowie

Allan Boyd
Bryan Bradford
Jon Bragg
Deidra Brandon

Mark Brashear
Cheryl Brazzell
Debbie Brewer
Ann Brooker

Kathleen Brossett
Brenda Brown
Bobby Brown
Connie Brown

Morchelle Brown
Terri Brown
Paul Brusewitz
James Bullock

Marty Burleson
Linda Burnett
Denise Burton
David Butler

Betty Byrd
David Caffey
Robert Camancho
Tony Camacho

Bruce Campbell
Sam Carrington
Sharon Carroll
Jimmy Carter



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1. Planning a money-making assembly for the junior class are **FRONT ROW:** Beverly Jones (reporter), Becky Headstream (secretary), Mr. Martin Brubaker (sponsor), E. C. Ice (president), **BACK ROW:** Beverly Jones (reporter), Denise Jackson (vice president), Bernice Jackson (on-looker), Toni Cotman (treasurer), and Vickie Goode (student council representative).
2. Working for the junior class does not take away from the time Becky Headstream spends doing such acting exercises as pantomime in drama class.
3. Participating in girls track is just one of the many other activities of junior officers Beverly Jones and Denise Jackson.

Sing Song approached with enthusiasm, hard work by middle-class people

A great song, colorful costumes, and a lot of hard work gave the juniors second place in the overall Sing Song competition.

About seventy-five juniors and director E. C. Ice worked hard and enthusiastically many nights when they would have rather been doing something else. In addition to this, they sacrificed and made their own costumes. "The feeling after Sing Song was one of accomplishment," said director E. C. Ice.

The main thing was that they had worked hard and enjoyed it, not that they came in second to the sophomores.

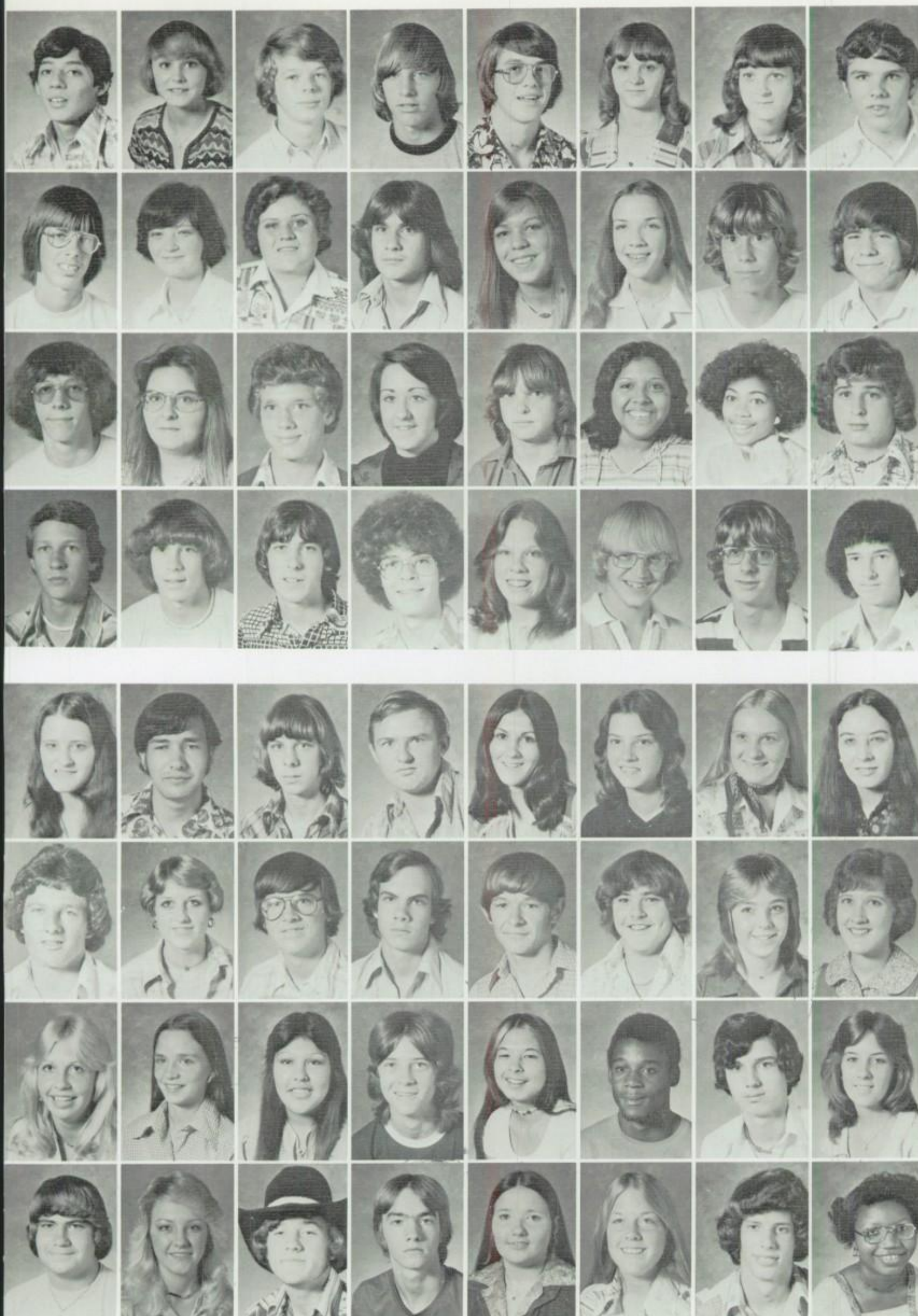
Practices were held in the AHS cafeteria and choir room and also at Calvary Baptist Church. The work of junior sponsors Mr. Martin Brubaker and Mrs. Claudia Southern was much appreciated, for no class was allowed to practice without a sponsor present.



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Daniel Castillo
 Sue Chaney
 Robby Chesser
 Alan Chick
 Dennis Chick
 Karen Childers
 Pam Childers
 Ricky Chittum

Kerry Chynoweth
 Cindy Claunch
 Mary Claxton
 Ricky Claxton
 Janis Clements
 Geneanne Clevenger
 Matt Clevenger
 Earl Clover

Tommy Cobb
 Pam Colclazer
 Danny Cole
 Kim Cooper
 Ronald Cooper
 Hope Cortinez
 Toni Cotman
 Jody Coward

Courtney Connell
 Danny Craig
 Jeff Craig
 Chuck Cramer
 Kathleen Creech
 Billy Cronk
 Tim Crowe
 Chris Cummings

Lisa Curry
 Doug Cupps
 Donald Dall
 Stephen Dailey
 Judy Darby
 Carla Darnell
 Cindy Davee
 Cindy Davis

Donald Davis
 Jeanine Davis
 Lance Davis
 Phillip Davis
 Randy Davis
 Russell Davis
 Andrea Dawkins
 Linda Dawson

Mollie Dawson
 Torey Deatherage
 Paula Delarosa
 Darrel Dennis
 Shirley DePew
 Joe Diggs
 Kenneth Dillard
 Charlotte Dotson

Tracy Doughty
 Debbie Dowell
 Eddie Dulaney
 Louis Duncan
 Jana Dunn
 Kassie Eastburn
 Bill Eaves
 Tina Edmond

1. Dressed as a mouse from Disneyland, E. C. Ice leads the juniors in "It's a Small World."
2. Hostess Caryl McGlothlin entertains the audience while the group backstage prepares for performance.
3. Practicing for Sing Song, Sharondee Waggoner, Daria Bishop, Karen Hood, Paula James, and Leah Thompson run through songs at dress rehearsal.

Bridgett Edwards
Darren Edwards
Lee Ann Edwards
Mark Edwards
Tammy Edwards
Karen Ellison
Jimmy Esquivel
Carolina Estrada



Gary Evans
Russ Evans
Tammi Faught
Cindy Fenner
Diane Ferguson
Rudy Fernandez
Wanda Ferrebee
Cynthia Fine



Kevin Finn
Lawanda Fisher
Tammy Flacksbarth
Russ Fletcher
Rita Flores
Tricia Forman
Renee Fort
Kevin Foster



Steve Fowler
Clifton Franklin
Sherry Frey
Debbie Friend
Steve Fulgham
Jamie Fuller
Suzy Gaines
Valerie Gaines



Albert Garcia
Cecilia Garcia
Flora Garcia
Carol Gearity
Key Gee
Sue George
Flynn Gideon
Deena Gilbert





T-shirt madness hits junior class

"10 Is," "Hassle with Care," "Get Down," "See No Evil, Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil, Have No Fun," "Photographers Do It in the Dark."

What? Those were just a few of the many sayings seen on T-shirts around Abilene High.

Students at Abilene High gave many reasons for wearing T-shirts, the most common being that they were comfortable.

One junior, Ronald Cooper, even said, "I like 'em because they make my muscles look big."

Other than this unusual comment, most juniors admitted they wear T-shirts for identity as a member of a group, to make people wonder, and just for grins.

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Karen Gillis
Doug Goetz
Gary Goldsmith
Paul Gomez
Paul Gomez
Debbie Gonzales
Frances Gonzales
Freddie Gonzales

Ray Gonzales
Dale Godard
Vickie Goode
Annette Goodwin
Laura Gragiola
Russell Grantham
David Gray
Jon Gray

Rusty Gray
Kelly Gregory
Gary Green
Martain Green
Sherry Greer
Mike Griffith
Denise Grisham
Robert Gurnea

1. Trying to make the long trek from band hall to second period, Debbie Megginson carries between the fine arts and academic buildings
2. Could Cindy Shelton, Torey Deatheridge, Jeff Hatcher, E. C. Ice, Paul Gomez, and Pam Steele really be saying that only in Austin you can find Cold Springs wine?
3. A clear sky, a nice breeze, and two swings—what more could Mikea Newman and Teresa Yacano ask for on a Saturday afternoon?

Noise, excitement inspire junior fire

Although the junior section may not have been the loudest section at pep rallies, it certainly couldn't have been ignored. When the beat of the drums filled the gym as the band marched in, the folks in the north balcony also made their presence known.

Maybe juniors weren't the loudest because they were saving their breath for their senior year, or perhaps it was because they were spread all over the gym, involved in band, Bold Gold, or football. Whatever the cause, juniors still helped create the spirit of unity felt at pep rallies by being involved with car decorating, cheerleading, and other activities related to supporting the Eagles to victory.

Why, some of the junior girls even got up enough courage to start a few yells this year. "Obviously," seniors said, "only practicing for next year."



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Frances Gutierrez
Johnny Guy
Garry Gwinn
Reggie Hackman
Michelle Haffley
Ronny Hagar
Angie Haggerton
Jon Halbert



John Hambleton
Tammy Hanby
Penney Hankins
Fred Hardwicke
Donna Harris
Pat Harwell
Jeff Hatcher
Michelle Hayes



Becky Headstream
Pam Henderson
Judy Hernandez
Linda Hernandez
Eugene Herold
Cowboy Hester
Lonnie Hicks
Steve Higgins



Kenny Hill
Cheryl Hines
Linda Hollon
John Honey
Karen Hood
Donna Hooks
Ginger Howard
Lynette Hubbard



Carol Hudson
Karen Hufford
Bee Hutchins
Henrietta Hutta
E. C. Ice
Bernice Jackson
Denise Jackson
George Jackson



1. Even football players get into the action at pep rallies as demonstrated by Glen Stirman as he says "aaay Eagles."
2. Enthusiastically, Christy Sims, one of the weekly JV cheerleaders, helps to get spirit going in the junior section.
3. Anxiously awaiting the defeat of Big Spring, Debbie Purvis, Sharondee Waggoner, Roxanne Reece, Patti Morris, and Paula James boost Eagles by car decorating.



Gerald Jackson
Julie Jacobson
Kevin Jacobs
Laverne James
Paula James
Israel Jaques
Linda Jaramillo
Chong Jaynes

Drew Jennings
Andrew Jerige
Stacy Jett
Gwen Johnson
Monte Johnson
Steve Johnson
Angela Johnson
Angela Jones

Beverly Jones
Beverly Jones
James Joyce
Terri Kean
Dale Kenney
Charlotte Keesee
Sherri Kehl
Brett Kenyon

Sherri Kimmey
David Kinder
Eddie King
Gay King
Robert King
Susan Kitchens
Judy Kolly
Michael Koonsman





Brenda Kontos
Karen Kuhn
Tammi Kuhn
Ronnie Lang
Johnny Lackey
Donald Landis
Ronald Landis
Mike Langan



Teresa Langan
Charles Lantrip
Deborah Lapour
Hayden Large
Terrell Laurence
Anne Leal
Debra Lesley
Ricky Lesley



Sharon Leathers
Andre Lewis
Lenora Lewis
Michael Lewis
David Little
Ricky Lobstein
Mike Logan
Kent Long



Kevin Long
Mike Long
Sista Lopez
Hank Lasoya
Robert Iott
Mark Love
Audrey Louis
Oscar Lozano



Janie Luna
Sherry Lusk
Mike Luttrell
Debbie McBride
Walter McClain
John McClean
Paul McCord
Johnny McElroy



*Making use of their lunch hour away from school, Debbie Dowell, Paula James, and Leah Thompson enjoy good food and lots of gossip.
Stuck in the cafeteria on a cold day, Rita Flores eats chicken fried steak, gravy, and green beans—another typical high school cafeteria meal.*



Melvin McGarity
David McGinnis
Robert McGinnis
Caryl McGlothlin
Renee McGlotten
Diane McMahan
Mark McMurray
Donna McPherson

Dawn Macke
Susan Macke
Dana Mackey
Kerry Maddocks
Randy Maddera
Meg Mahanay
Stephen Mason
Cindy Mann

Jimmy Mark
Elain Martin
Larry Martin
Danny Martinez
Eliso Martinez
Rudy Martinez
Susan Martinez
Steve Mathis

Karen Maxwell
Dana Mayhall
Debra Mayo
Tricia Mayorga
Freddie Medrano
Debbie Megginson
Kenny Merchant
Brett Middlebrooks

Russell Middleton
Jana Miller
Tammy Miller
Mary Beth Mitchel
Russel Mitchell
Leslie Mobley
Sunday Molina
Brenda Mood



Abilene offers juniors smorgasbord of food

Hamburgers, french fries, and beans on Friday. Fake spaghetti sliced in microscopic pieces with velveeta cheese slightly melted on top. And some juniors, after one year of experience, still stick it out.

With places like Pizza Hut and Burger King, why eat in the cafeteria? Maybe some don't have a car or enough money to eat anywhere but the cafeteria. Maybe they like it.

A survey of members of the junior class brought the same answer almost every time—"cafeteria food is rotten."

But, after asking how many of these people had eaten in the cafeteria, the most common answer was, "Well, not since junior high."

So maybe it's a myth that cafeteria food is rotten. Maybe not. Anyway, we gotta eat!

Randy Morris
Sammy Morris
Kelly Moses
Melinda Moutray
Anita Munson
Terry Murgia
James Muston
Mike Nance



Vance Naylor
Mike Nelson
George Newman
Mikea Newman
Janet Niehaus
Charlotte Noble
Vanessa Noble
Eddie Nolting



Gerry Norrell
Brent Norris
Cheri Norris
Carl Notgrass
David Olivo
Charles O'Neill
Curtis Owens
Rhonda Owens



Lesla Owens
Myra Oxford
Jane Pakos
Rufus Palacios
Chuck Palm
Mary Palomarez
Jeff Parker
Larry Parker



Wayne Parrott
Diane Putino
Darla Patton
Teresa Patton
Tammy Payne
Bob Pemberton
Timm Penns
Felipa Pequeno



Lorenzo Perales
Kim Perish
Scott Perrin
Pam Peterson
Craig Petty
Molly Phelps
John Phillips
Carla Pierce



Mark Pierce
James Pliml
Denise Pointer
Beth Porterfield
Tammy Porterfield
Adam Powell
Bill Powell
Mark Powell



Mike Powell
Randall Preston
Steve Price
Wayne Pritt
Debbie Purvis
Roddy Qualls
Mike Rains
Dolores Ramirez



1. Enjoying time after school, Jim Tallant and David Butler play a casual game of pool.
2. The smell of the grease paint, the roar of the crowd, and the excitement of KISS are very real to their AHS fans.
3. "You wouldn't believe what happened in health today!" "No? I can't believe it could top my English class!" Thus is spent a relaxing evening on the phone as Jan Franklin and David Gray discuss the events of the day.

Outside activities add to student life

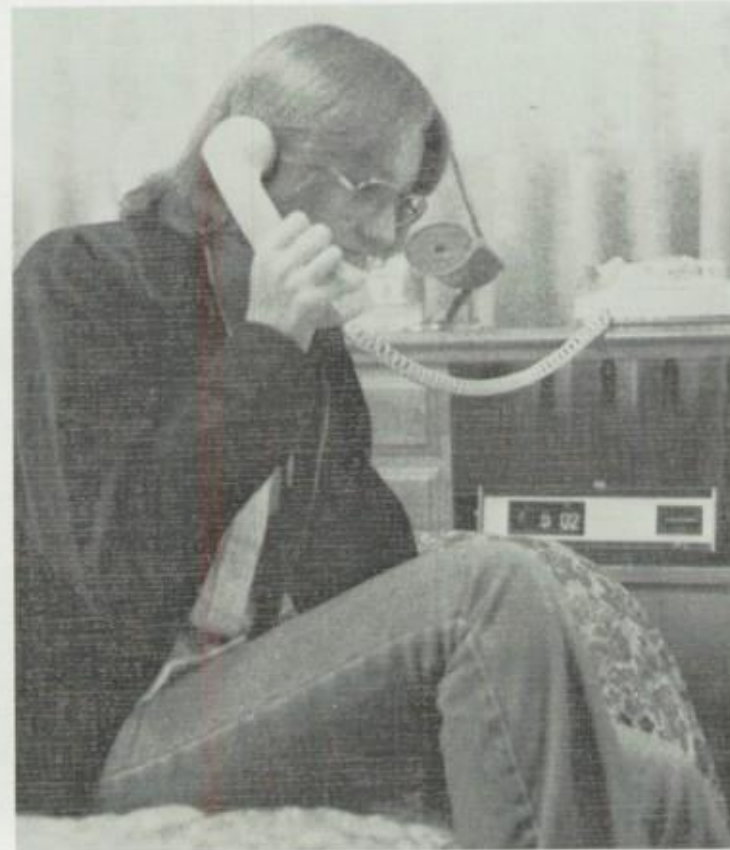
As surely as man can not live by bread alone, so a student could not exist with only school activities for entertainment. The answer, of course, was found in outside activities.

Around town activities included concerts ranging from country to hard rock. Movies, Abilene Community Theatre productions, college drama productions, and Philharmonic concerts rounded out the list of community entertainment.

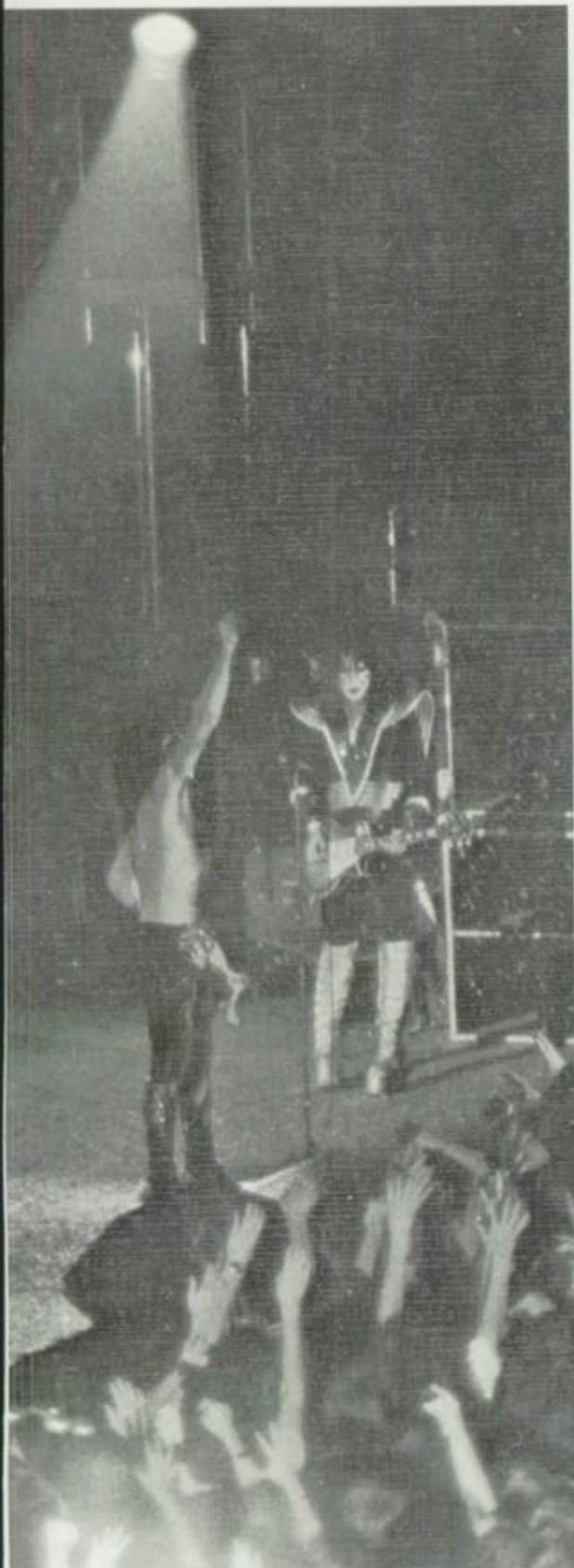
But for many students the best entertainment was the time spent with a good friend in person or on the phone.



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Luis Ramos
Steve Rasn
Greg Reagan
Norine Reaves
John Reddin
Mike Redwine
Greg Reece
Roxanne Reece

Kathy Reeves
Cathy Renfro
Billy Rhodes
Roosevelt Rhodes
Randy Richardson
Rosemary Riojas
Chris Rios
John Ritter

Melinda Roach
Gina Roath
Robbi Robinson
Byron Roberts
Carl Robinson
Karmen Robinson
Albert Rodriquez
Elida Rodriquez

Workouts worthwhile to cheerleaders

Even though the requirements (one year of Bold Gold activities, a C academic average, and 100 Bold Gold merit points) were strict, 18 girls qualified for the rigorous privilege of cheerleader tryouts.

After two and a half grueling weeks of workouts, a select committee of students and teachers chose the top fourteen for tryouts before the entire student body. These fourteen girls were rated on a scale of one to five for personality projection, enthusiasm, and overall performance.

Friday, April 29, found these ambitious young ladies scampering around school dressed in black shorts, white shirts, and hair rollers while nervously wondering what it would be like to face 2,000 students who would scrutinize their abilities. They all made it, and the ballot count found Debbie Dowell, Denise Jackson, Paula James, Teresa Langan, Patti Morris, and Ronnye Trull entrusted with the job of building up enthusiasm and spirit for the upcoming school year.



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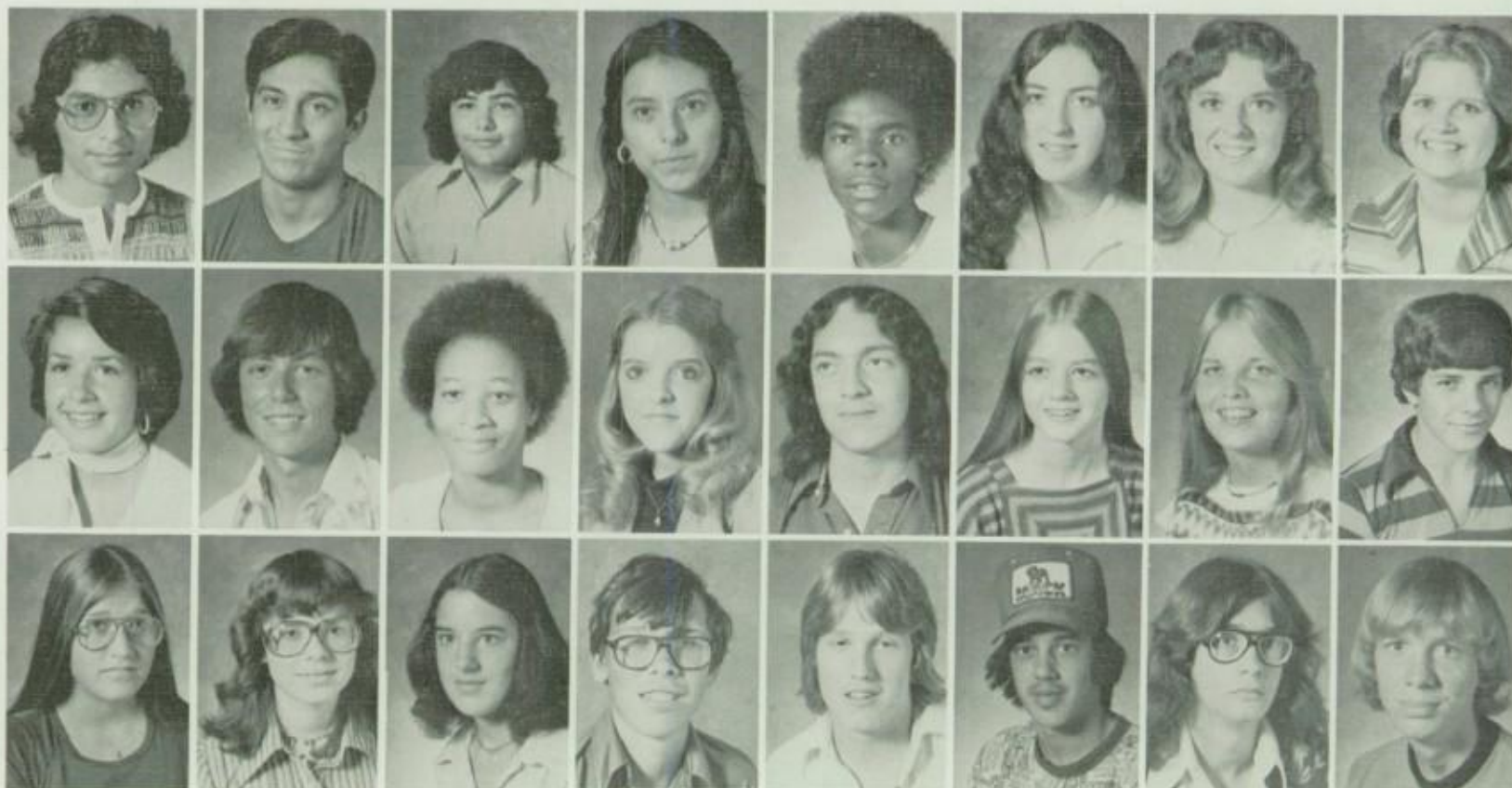


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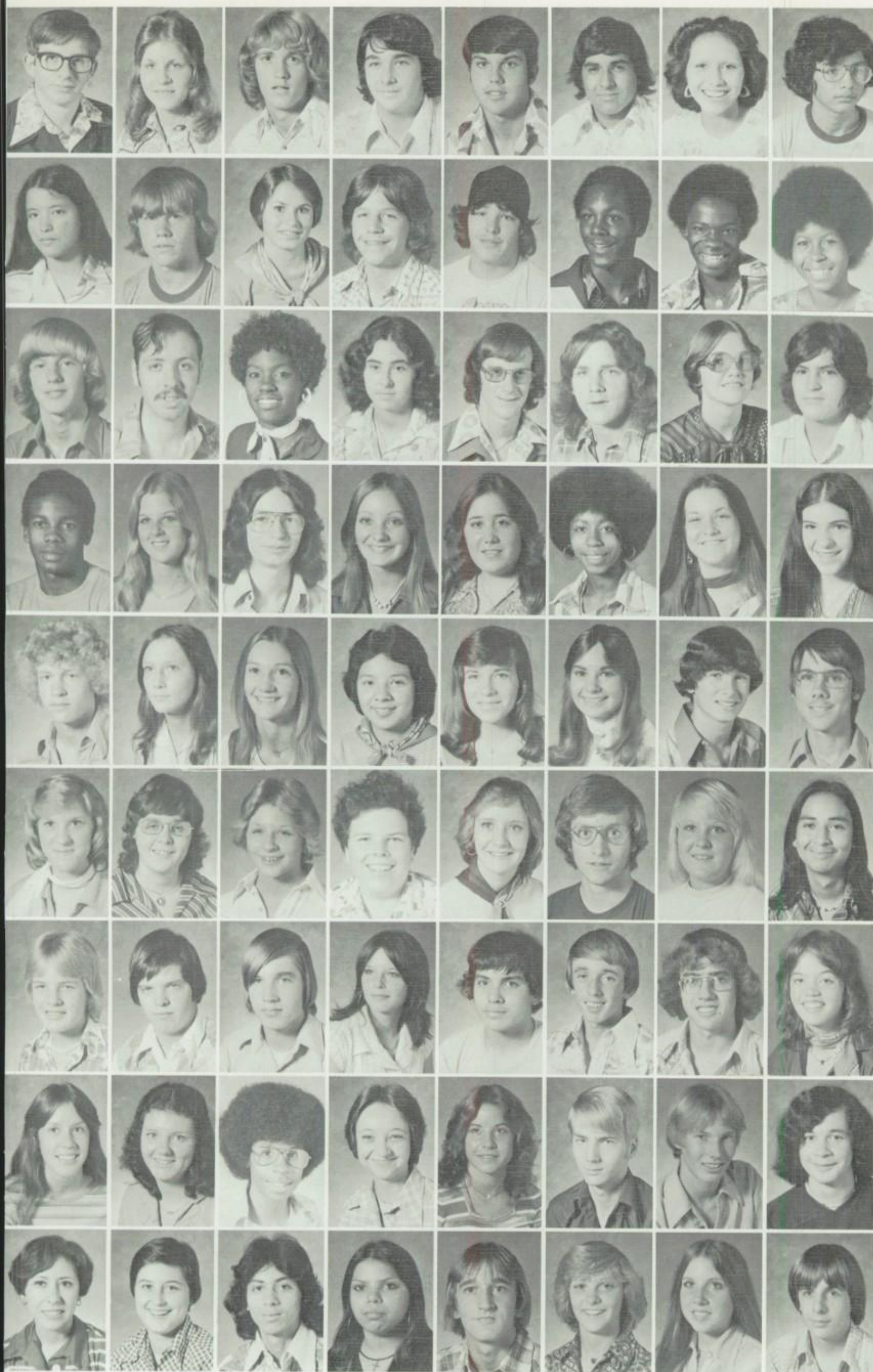
Greg Rodriguez
Johnny Rodriguez
Juan Rodriguez
Lucy Rodriguez
Mike Rodgers
Gale Rogers
Christina Rohlf
Sharon Roland

Jamel Russell
Blake Russell
Cynthia Russell
Tommi Rutledge
Richard Samya
Lee Anne Sanders
Sherry Sanders
Jody Savage

Maureen Scanlon
Cheryl Schmittou
Jeanelle Scott
Randy Scott
Gary Seals
J. D. Seals
Fred Sellers
Dan Shake



1. Going over "Great" one more time before the end of the day are Carla Irvin and Toni Cotman.
2. Anxiously waiting to find out the top fourteen finalists are Meg Mahaney, Jaye Wright, Ronnye Trull, Sherry Felts, Theresa Price, Kathy Scannell, and Margie Moss.
3. Nervously trying out in front of the student body for the final six election are Teresa Langan, Patti Morris, and Toni Cotman.
4. Top twelve elections are a lot of work for Diana Putino, Karla Darnell, and Rita Flores.



Ricky Shanks
Saundra Shelton
Mark Shepard
Ronnie Shipley
Steve Shropshire
David Sigala
Sandra Sigala
Abel Silquero

Yolanda Silva
Byron Simpson
Christi Sims
Rob Skinner
Brad Smith
Cisco Smith
Danny Smith
Dee Smith

Ed Smith
Greg Smith
Nell Smith
Pam Smith
Price Smith
Scott Smith
Peggy Snow
Freddy Solis

David Spells
Jeanine Spence
Larry Spicer
Vanessa Spinks
Julie Stallings
Jeanette Stanchel
Pam Steele
Anne Stephenson

Glen Stirman
Dorise Stockard
Tabby Stockton
Marie Stokes
Jackie Stover
Kimbra Strickland
Mike Studebaker
Robert Sudbury

Kathy Sumrall
Becky Sutton
Shelley Swaim
David Swart
Diana Syms
Jim Tallant
Tracey Tatum
John Tavera

Mark Taylor
Robert Taylor
Scott Taylor
Mona Tague
James Tesson
Lannie Templeton
Kurt Terry
Brenda Thacker

Liz Thedford
Judy Thomas
Mike Thomas
Jan Thomason
Leah Thomason
Steve Thompson
David Thueatt
Cecil Tijerina

Linda Tijerina
Lisa Todd
Jesse Tonche
Florence Trinidad
Keith Trull
Ronnye Trull
Connie Ulmer
Lynn Vanderveer

1. Choosing from a large variety, juniors receive their class of '78 rings.
2. Contemplating a ring, Teresa Langan and Tracy Tatum realize the importance of choosing the right one.

Steven Vertz
Tani Villanueva
Sharondee Waggoner
Jay Wagner
Steve Waldren
Danny Washington
Gorden Washington
Annette Watkins



Gretchen Watson
Eddie Weaver
Kenny Webb
Jerry Weitzel
Rick Welch
Keith Westfall
William Whalen
Bruce Wheat



Greg Whetsel
Pennie Whisenhunt
Felesia White
Jo White
Mary White
Jack Williams
John Williams
Johnny Williams



Sandra Williams
Paul Willis
David Wilson
Dean Wilson
Greg Wilson
Kay Wilson
Peggy Wilson
Tammy Winsett



Richard Wolfe
Frankie Woodcox
Joe Woodyard
Janice Wright
Jaye Wright
Teresa Yacono
Dani Yarbrow
John Yancy



Karen Young
Penni Young
Rhonda Young
Kelly Yown
Shelly Yown
Susan Yown



Rings create pride

The senior ring was the tangible result of all the things that made and shaped that final year, the senior year. Eleven years of drudgery and joy, learning and experiencing were taken to build up to that special year and the privilege of wearing a senior ring. When we, as juniors, ordered and then received those priceless rings, the pride of school and the beauty of learning were embodied in that one small piece of metal.





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Sophomores accept position, forge on

After finding out where all of their classes were and learning that they could really leave the campus during lunch, the sophomores realized that high school might be fun, so they decided to join in. One of their first victories was at Sing Song where they swept the classes competition, both in costume and musical quality. Not being satisfied with this, they decided to sponsor a roller skating night that was very successful. These sophomores gained so much momentum that one day they up and decided to be juniors, but that's another story.



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1. Sophomores are usually suspicious of everybody and it shows on faces like David Valdez's.
2. Content with their position in life and high school are sophomores Mary Beth Powell, Patty Lester, Popsie Williams, Scotty Sims, Linda Koonsman, Holly Carlisle, and Randy Story.
3. A description of the sophomore class can be painted in words and pictures.

Linda Abels
Robbin Abram
Dianne Acosta
Regina Adams
Teresa Adkins
Debby Adkisson
Ruben Aguirre
Scott Akard



Lucinda Aleantar
Becky Allen
Paul Allen
Kevin Almaguer
Susie Alvarez
Sandra Anderson
Joe Andrade
Frances Andrews



Grace Andrews
David Armendariz
Armondo Munoz
Channing Ashenfelter
David Atkins
Ron Augustadt
Debra Austin
Pricilla Baggett



Hattie Baily
Jimmy Baily
Velvet Baily
Verna Baily
Brett Baker
Tammy Baker
Paula Balancier
Danny Balduvia



Rose Mary Baldwin
Tommy Baldwin
Regina Ball
Lane Barber
Krys Barnett
Sandy Barr
Kathy Batson
Tresa Baukin



Katie Baumgart
Tim Baxter
Vanita Beason
Darrell Belew
Craig Bell
Angel Benavidez
Avery Bennett
Cynthia Bishop



Lisa Bishop
William Bishop
Regina Black
Gerbert Bober
Charles Bohannon
Ann Bolls
Stanley Booker
Phil Boone, Jr.



Kim Borcik
Dawn Bourland
Danny Bowie
Bill Bowman
Brooks Boynton
Carol Bradley
John Brady
Cheryl Brazzell



Robin Brewster
Darla Bridges
Marelyn Bridges
Mike Bridgestock
Amy Brock
Laura Bromley
Faye Brooks
Les Bruce



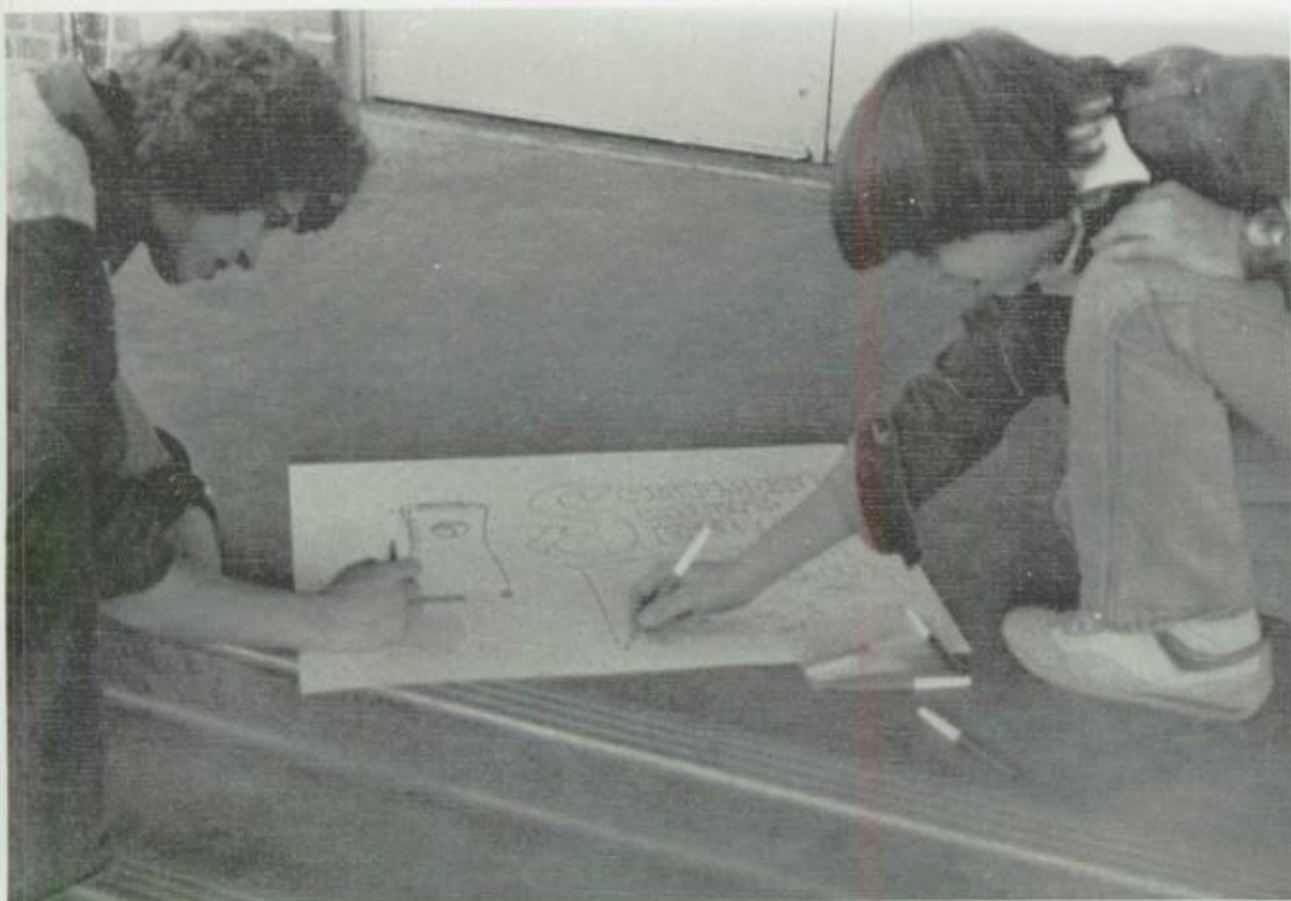
Sophomore officers plan exciting year

Making things happen was the class officers' job around the AHS campus. Planning activities, going to meetings, and coming up with new and better ideas were just part of the action.

Sophomore class officer leadership helped get the year off to a prosperous start, beginning with a Sing Song victory. As the year progressed, the officers found the sophomores plenty of activities including a skating party to raise money in December.

Helping the officers make the year more beneficial were sponsors Mr. Gary Willis and Mrs. Gerry Slaughter.

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1. Planning advertisement for the upcoming sophomore skate are class officers Chuck Mitchell and David Ross.

2. **Sophomore class officers.** Chuck Mitchell (president), Greg Solomon (vice president), Karen Poteet (secretary), Cindy Love (treasurer), and David Ross (student council representative).

Sophomore student finds AHS academics similar to studies in Vietnamese homeland

Early on a Wednesday morning, April 30, 1975, the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Regulars stormed into the Capital of Siagon, South Vietnam. Just hours before, Diem Tran had escaped along with 900 Americans and thousands of Vietnamese who fled for their lives in a communist warpath.

Now, more than two years later, Diem lives in Abilene and is a devoted student at Abilene High. Although Diem is adjusting as any sophomore would, she misses her homeland, and her father, whom she will never see again.

"The school I went to is the largest in Vietnam," Diem said.

She explained it as being much like Abilene High. The subjects are just about the same, and the holidays are similar, except their most significant religious holiday is New Years.

Oddly enough to most of us Diem said that tennis and swimming are among the most played sports in Vietnam.

Diem's courage in leaving her homeland and making a new life here in a strange Texas town makes her an admirable individual and a definite asset to the sophomore class.

Jane Brown
Leslie Brown
Todd Brown
Tim Broyles
Kathy Burton
Sharon Burnett
Kathy Byrd
Derrick Caballero



Glen Caldwell
Simon Camacho
Frankie Campbell
Richard Campos
Joanne Cannon
Richard Cannon
Brian Cargile
Holly Carlisle



Johnny Carrillo
T. J. Carrion
Donna Carroll
Jimmy Cason
Becky Carter
Camie Carter
Linda Carter
Johnny Casandy



Elda Casas
Tammi Casselberry
Ann Castaneda
Juanita Castillo
Ruben Castro
Susan Chalcraft
Cliff Chatman
Rodney Chavana



Tony Chavana
Diane Cherry
Debra Chick
Carolyn Childers
Wayne Childress
Sandra Chism
Angela Chittum
Tracy Christiansen





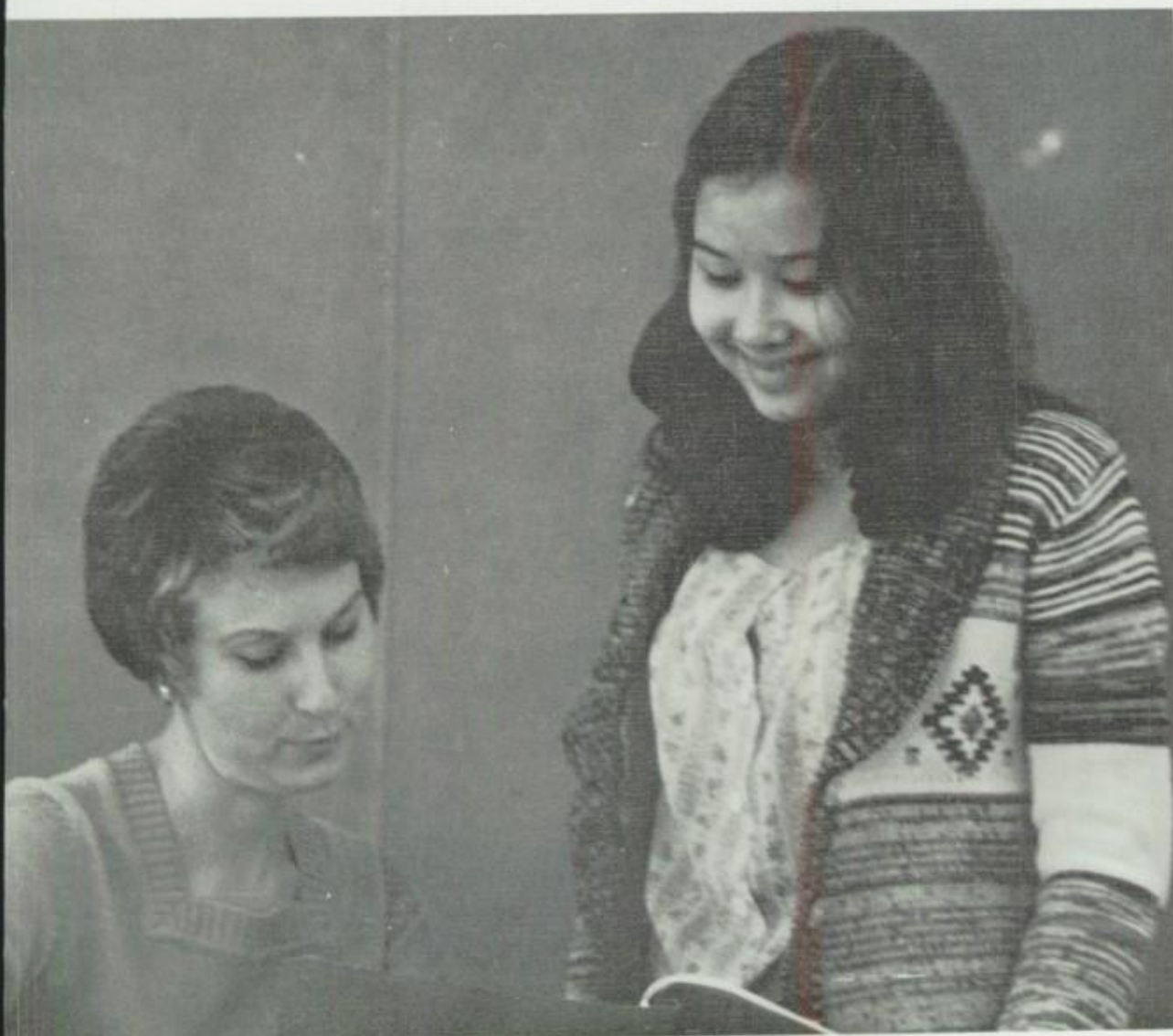
Michelle Christopher
Debbie Cisneros
Herbert City
Mike Clark
Theresa Clark
Mike Claspill
Steve Claunch
Tony Claxton

Tenia Claybrook
Lynn Clevenger
Cathy Coady
Nelson Coates
Kim Cockerham
Cindy Cile
Becky Collins
Jimmy Cone

Turtle Conner
Carol Cook
Donna Cook
Tammy Cook
Brenda Copsey
Peter Cornish
John Cortinez
Melinda Cory

Anita Cosson
Mishelle Couch
Robert Couch
Steve Couch
Matt Craig
Myra Cumby
Billy Cummings
Steve Currie

Sonia Cutting
Mary Dail
Diane Dannenberg
Laura Darnell
Kenny Darnold
Reta Daughtery
David Davidson
Cecelia Davis



1. Bridging the gap between Vietnam and America, Mrs. Nancy Noll helps Diem Tran understand her schoolwork.

Sophomores sweep Sing Song honors

Sing Song '76 was definitely a success
for the sophomore class!

Under the direction of Clay Hale and
four section leaders, the sophomores swept
both vocal and costume divisions. Using
four-part harmony and four established
songs arranged by Dr. Jack Boyd of
Abilene Christian University, the
sophomores burst hopes of the
overconfident juniors and seniors.

Costume and choreography were done
completely by a sophomore committee with
suggestions and aid given by the sponsors,
Mrs. Gerry Slaughter and Mr. Gary Willis.

Approximately 80 sophomores
participated in the winning effort.

Attempting to increase audience and
judge impact, the sophomores used the
original words and music with a flute and
piano accompaniment.

When sophomores were asked about the
effort, Chuck Mitchell assistant director
replied, "Helping direct the choir was
more of an experience than it was hard."



Lana Davis
Randy Davis
Steve Davis
Mike Dawkins
Danny Deanda
Tony Dealba
Sherri Deichmann
James De La Cruz



Maria Deleon
Rose Delgado
Tommy Deluna
Rickey De La Garza
Kerry Dennis
Albert Denny
Lisa Dentler
Grace De Pew



Michelle Derrick
Jay Drake
Marsha Drake
Chuck Dubose
Betty Dudley
Ricard Duffy
Rose Duffy
Nancy Eastburn



Alice Edmand
Treva Edwards
Pat Edwards
Melinda Elliott
Paul Ellis
Irma Escalona
Linda Escobedo
Paula Escobedo



Helping the sophomores get it all together, Russell Sanders and Clay Hale go over the music to "It was a Very Good Year," while Mrs. Gerry Slaughter and her daughter, Susan Slaughter, look on.



Rosa Esquivel
Don Estes
Gloria Estrada
Gwynn Evans
Gaylene Fagan
Danny Faircloth
Jamie Farmer
Tammie Farmer

Brad Faulkner
Kent Faver
Steven Fenner
Ann Ferguson
Barry Ferguson
Debbie Ferguson
Gerry Fields
Reggie Fields

Ricky Fields
James Fisher
Phyllis Fletcher
Becky Flores
David Flores
Richard Flores
Vince Ford
Danny Foreman

Tricia Foreman
James Foster
Melinda Fox
Jackie Francis
Roslyn Franklin
Greg Futrell
Wendy Gage
Carole Gaines

Sherry Gallimore
Lori Galloway
Anselma Garcia
Carmen Garcia
Felix Garcia
James Garcia
Josie Garcia
Mike Garcia

Robert Garcia
Stella Garcia
Alice Garza
Santiago Garza
Mitch Gassaway
Donna George
Dana Gibbs
Wade Gillum

Shelia Gilmore
Laura Glenn
Connie Glover
Ruben Gomez
Arthur Gonzalez
David Gonzalez
Delia Gonzalez
Ida Gonzalez

Karen Gonzalez
Rose Gonzalez
Charles Grabowski
Terrie Graham
Jim Grant
Mark Grant
Joanne Gray
Carmen Grice

1. Making faces like Charon Worthing does isn't all there is to E1B.

Carmen Grice
Dwight Grimstead
Carol Grissom
Margaret Guerra
Patricia Guerrero
Julia Guillen
Cindy Guy
Tony Haas



Susie Hadley
Debbie Haffley
Deana Hagler
Clay Hale
Bambi Hall
Larry Hall
Tina Hambleton
Monte Hamilton



Richard Hamilton
Jeff Hammond
Kenneth Hampton
Bill Hanson
Lisa Hanson
Kimberly Harper
Donna Harris
Debbie Harrison



Eugene Harrison
Donald Hart
Anna Hartman
Rocky Hastings
Terri Hawkins
Elizabeth Hayden
Barbara Hazelton
Duane Hege



Jim Helm
Diana Henderson
Tracy Henderson
Gloria Henry
Ronnie Henry
Johnnie Hernandez
Leticia Hernandez
Naka Hernandez



E1B allows sophs better understanding

What was an E1B? Why, that was a one-trimester course required of all sophomores, of course. Its subject matter was those two horrible monsters—grammar and composition. The course was quite different, however, from traditional grammar and composition courses. Students worked in individual learning stations and progressed at their own rates. Some sophomores undoubtedly felt they were signing their grades away when they got into the class, but after making ends meet and struggling with compiling those endless points, they sometimes found themselves opening the door to a better understanding of grammar and composition.





Daphana Herring
Gary Herron
Joe Herron
Bobbie Hewitt
Marsha Hewitt
Christy Higgins
James Higgins
Jill High

Robert Hill
Devera Hoef
Kenneth Hogg
Gwendolyn Holland
Tony Hollis
Kelly Holloway
Kim Holloway
Trena Hollums

Teresa Horn
Jerry Horton
Mike House
Cindy Houston
Robert Howard
Curtis Hubbard
Sandra Huffond
Linda Hury

Jonni Hughes
Carla Hunt
Daisy Hutchinson
Gloria Hutta
Debra Jackson
George Jackson
Judy Jackson
Ray Janeaway

Mike Jeffries
Mark Jensen
Juan Jimenez
Mellie Jimenez
Pete Jimenez
Ben Johnson
Cindy Johnson
Danette Johnson

Jan Johnson
Linda Johnson
Stuart Johnson
Tom Johnson
Tracie Johnson
Linda Johnston
Sherry Jonas
John Jones

Lon Jones
Margaret Jones
Micheal Jones
Sandra Jones
Sherrie Jones
Mark Jordan
Randy Josselot
Nellie Juarez

Aleta Kammerer
Kim Kampert
Karen Kent
Jerrie Kimbrough
Bobby King
Sammye King
Billy Kinny
Becky Lackey

Buck Land
James Kirby
David Knight
Karen Knight
Kathy Komatz
Linda Koonsman
Terry Kuhn
Leisha Lassetter

Would-be drivers anticipate license

Few classes were looked forward to by sophomores as much as driver's education was, possibly because the benefits were slower in coming.

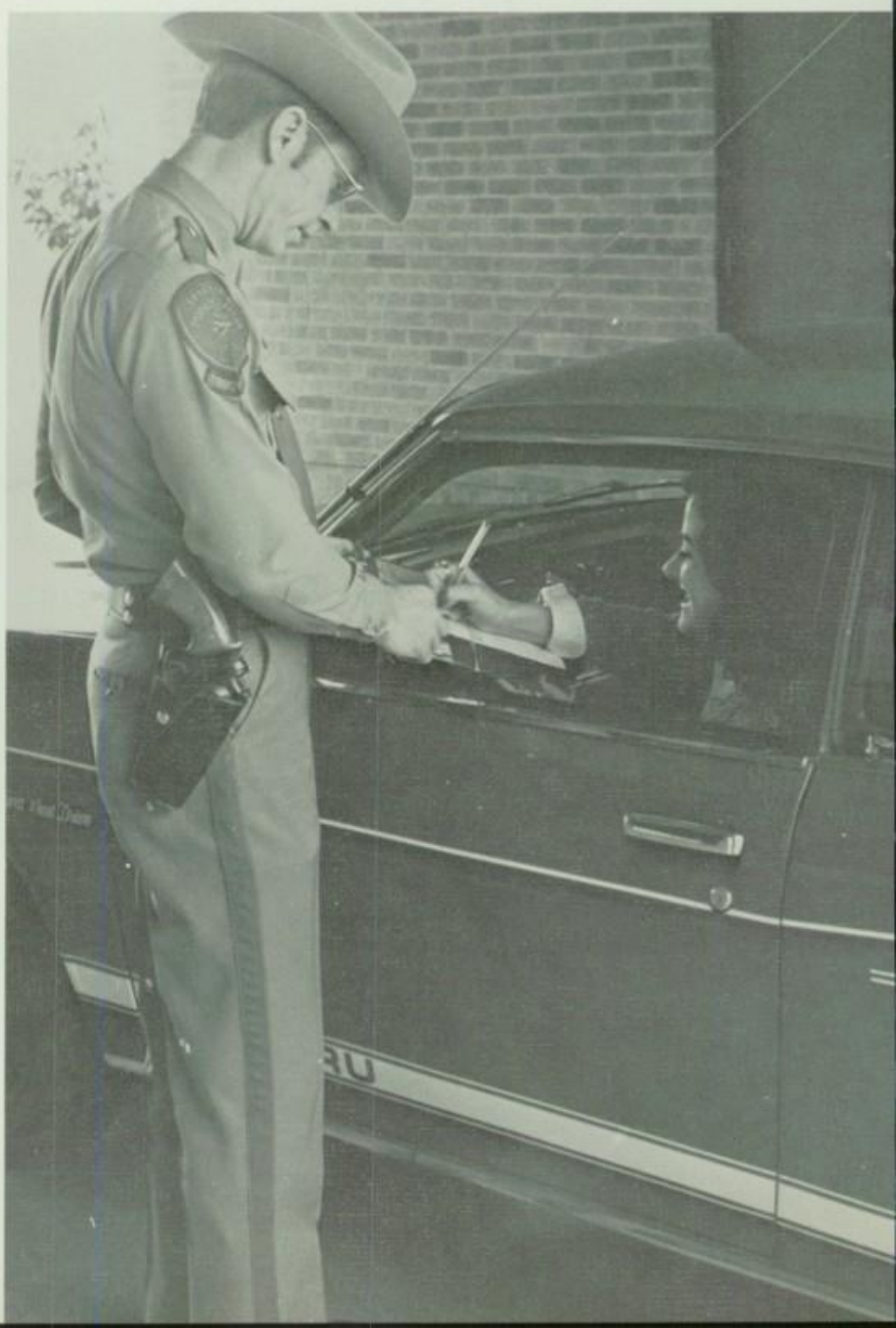
After students had finished drivers' ed, all they had to do was wait for their 16th birthday, take the driving test, pass it, and then, finally, receive a driver's license.

Texas state law required that students spend 36 hours in the classroom before they could begin driving. This class time was used to learn the laws of the road and the common courtesies practiced by most drivers.

For the people who got their driver's license and became responsible drivers, it was 36 hours well spent.



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Chris Lathrop
Bryan Lawrence
Stacy Leeth
Lesha Leggett
Ray Lehr
Danny Lemond
Derrill Lemond
Diane Lemond



Patty Lester
Jeffery Letz
Dana Lewis
Debra Lewis
Stern Lindsey
Ben Lopez
Tony Lopez
Cindy Love



Terry Lovelady
Mary Loya
Henry Loza
Chipper Lyons
Tim McAtee
Lisa McCallister
Charlotte McGee
Donna McGhghy



Carolyn McKee
Donnie McKenzie
Dee McLaughlin
Monica McClelland
Melinda McLeskey
Jennifer McMickel
Marlena McMillin
Janet McNeely



Billy McRae
James Mackey
Theresa Macks
Jere Madison
Lucy Magness
Laura Malcom
Anita Marquez
Joe Marquez



Carolyn Marsalis
Linda Marsh
Brenda Mathews
Tim Mathews
Angela Martin
Bobbi Martin
David Martin
Kathy Martin



Christina Martinez
David Martinez
Norma Martinez
Steve Mayhall
Tammy Meador
Candy Meyers
Sandra Meza
Teri Michard



Jill Middleton
Randy Miller
Polly Mills
Chuck Mitchell
Steven Michell
Christina Molina
Ed Molina
Oscar Molina

1. After the long days of driver's ed, filling out written forms and taking the eye examination only seem like minor details to Cecilia Davis.
2. Driving is also a must for passing, so after Cecilia finishes, the patrolman grades her.
3. After the patrolman's final approving signature, Cecilia Davis gives a smile of relief and drives away with her license.

Sophomores feel the fever!

It always seems to show up about this time of year. It carries with it sweet smelling blossoms on fruit trees, a wondrous variety of colored flowers, spring clothes, fresh green grass, love, chickens, bunnies, and best of all spring vacation. What is this disease? Why, it's spring fever, and it was rapidly catching this year.

Sophomores seemed to catch it first. Pressures began to build up, time flew by, and the lazy daze became more frequent. All these were symptoms of the sophomores' version of spring fever.

Another disease that accompanied it was the love bug. It occurred after a walk in the park, a visit to the zoo, or seeing the look in a child's eyes after playing with a mischievous puppy.

This year springtime and love were dampened only by several good old-fashioned West Texas dust storms of a variety worse than usual. Dust mixed with light rains left Abilene covered with mud and the feeling that a fresh new spring had ended in mudstorms.

After they blew over, however, everyone enjoyed the arousal spring gave and the influence of spring fever.



Dexter Monroe
Jay Monrrial
Linda Montez
Dora Montgomery
Jody Morales
Danny Moreno
Bill Morris
Robby Morris



Roy Mosier
Mitchell Mowry
Robert Mowry
Angel Munoz
Daphane Munson
Burlene Murray
Tisha Murray
Anna Muzchenko



Samie Myrick
Jerry Newman
Jerry Newton
Marie Noe
Rose Nolting
Virginia Norrell
Angela Northrup
Theresa Notgrass



Monty Oates
Kelly O'Brian
Tommy Ocon
Mike Oden
Christina Offringa
Mike Ogden
Sabrina Oler
Donna Olson





Robert Olvera
Judy O'Neal
Archie Ortiz
Gloria Ortiz
Julie Ortiz
Barbara Owen
Glenn Owen
Lavonda Owens

Rick Pakos
Veronica Palacios
Esmeralda Pallarez
Johnnie Parker
Martin Parmer
Cheryl Parrott
Mitch Patrick
Karen Patterson

George Paxton
Carl Payne
Karen Pekowski
Pamela Pekowski
Linda Pendleton
Naomi Pequeno
Connie Perkins
David Perry

Greg Perry
Joy Petty
Mark Phelps
Edith Pierce
Nora Pinon
Kathy Pippens
Martha Pittman
Mike Pointer



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1. Enjoying spring to its fullest, Laurie Stevens and Ruben Aguirre find a relaxing moment to share at Lake Fi. Phantom.
2. When sharing ideas and interests, Becky Lackey and Chuck DuBose find the special time and place.

Perfecto Polanco
Anna Porter
Craig Porter
Debbie Portillo
John Portillo
Marina Portillo
Karen Poteet
James Potter



Sandy Potter
Vickie Potter
Charlie Powell
Greg Pritt
Terry Proctor
Drucilla Pruitt
Donny Purvis
Luis Quesada



Bertha Ramirez
Richard Ramirez
Edward Rangel
Rob Rankin
Richard Ranoal
Jeanette Raspberry
Greg Ray
Mike Ray



Natalie Reaves
Kathleen Redwine
Debra Reece
Julie Reece
Liz Reece
Lawrence Reglin
Bill Relina
Carol Reyes



Annette Rhodes
Betty Rhodes
Diana Rice
Donna Richardson
Paul Richardson
Nancy Ricketts
Raul Rios
Ronny Rios



Sonny Rios
Paul Rivera
Billy Robenson
Audrae Roberts
Linda Roberts
Sharon Robinson
Joe Rocha
Raul Rocha



Mandy Rogers
Brenda Rodriguez
Jimmy Rodriguez
Mario Rodriguez
Rosie Rodriguez
Tricia Rodriguez
Richard Rogers
Randy Rohlfs



1. Administering a little tender loving care to her plants, Donnell Saverance gives the special attention and proper care they need



Plant lovers arise!

If the mention of foliage house plants conjured up no more in the mind than the traditional images of philodendron and ivy, you were in for a surprise. Foliage plants, gathered by collectors from every tropical and semitropical corner of the earth, presented the indoor AHS gardener with an almost endless assortment of sizes and shapes to choose from.

Most people simply collected a few house plants that appealed to them and enjoyed their greenery on a table or window sill. But foliage plants in particular offered an opportunity for much more.

Imaginatively used, they not only created stunning displays, but they also provided a simple and economical way to solve interior decorating problems.

The varied foliage of house plants added pattern and color to many a student's room, modified straight lines, and softened hard contours. Plants, when properly placed, shaped odd spaces into new ones.

Proper balancing of environmental factors generally resulted in healthy growth and helped minimize plant problems. Inadequate conditions did, however, cause green plants to become unattractive or lack desirable characteristics, a problem AHS plant lovers abhorred!

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Nellie Rosalez
Robert Rosetti
Barbara Ross
David Ross
Lisa Ruelas
Melinda Ruiz
Sandra Rush
Teresa Saferiah

Albert Salas
Linda Salazar
Henery Sanchez
Joe Sanchez
Raymond Sanchez
Greg Sanders
Resha Sanders
Russell Sanders

David Sartor
Donnell Saverance
Steve Scales
Gary Scanlon
Thomas Scannell
Diane Schade
Gean Schlarbaum
Joyce Schwartz

Cessilye Scott
Phillip Scott
Robert Seballos
Raymond Seguin
John Shagula
Darlene Shavet
Sharon Shelton
Bill Sherman

Mac Davis, America not stereotyped loud concerts

Con' cert (kon' • surt)—loud, blaring, reflections of get-down songs.

Although this definition wasn't found in *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, it was the accepted description of an average Taylor County Coliseum concert. Fortunately, Mac Davis and America gave a different definition of a concert and provided the audiences with an easy-listening version of pop-rock.

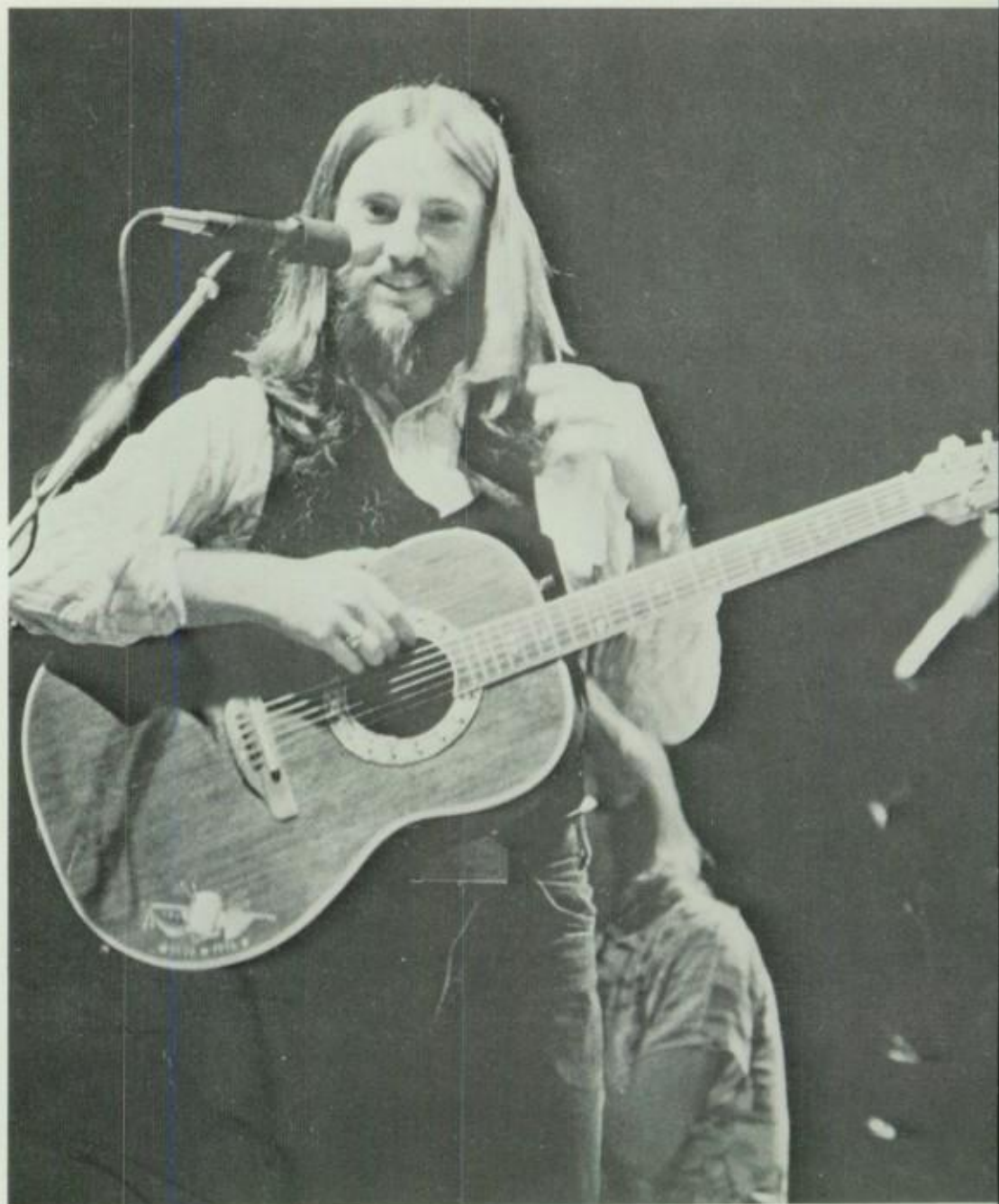
Sounding at times like a dozen musicians, the trio America and their band took the stage with recorded versions of their hits. They were soon into "Ventura Highway," "Tin Man," "I Need You," and "Daisy Jane," only a few of their greatest.

After satisfying audience demands for familiar tunes, America slipped in a few numbers from their new recently released album.

Mac Davis delighted his female fans with his sexy looks and music. Whether the spectator was female or male, however, Mac Davis' music was appreciated.

The pace seemed to pick up throughout the evening, leading to some of his rousing songs, such as "Stop and Smell the Roses," "One Hell of a Woman," and "Baby, Baby, Don't get Hooked on Me."

Sophomores, as well as everyone who attended, came out with a better definition of a concert after hearing America and Mac Davis perform.



John Sherman
Maryann Shorthouse
Bobby Shults
Annabelle Silva
Renna Simmons
Carol Simpson
Cheryl Sims
Lee Sims



Scotty Sims
Zelpha Sims
Jani Sitton
Butch Slack
Skip Slack
Chris Smith
Jeff Smith
Lori Smith



Millard Smith
Sandra Smith
Sheree Smith
Stanley Smith
Stretch Smith
Steve Smith
Tommy Smith
Donal Smithwick



1. Setting the stage and arousing the audience, Gerry Beckely sings America's first hit, "A Horse With No Name."
2. Before the concert, Mac Davis is interviewed by various media, including reporters from AHS student newspaper, the Battery.



Greg Solomon
Nancy Soto
Ross Sparks
Metha Spivey
Alan Spry
Jimmy Staples
Gloria Stanchel
Darral Steele

Mitchell Stepp
Laurie Stevens
Tony Stewart
Rickey T. Stokes
Toni Storey
Randy Story
Ken Stovall
Cathy Stuehler

Barbara Sumrall
Millie Swiney
James Talley
George Taylor
Patrick Taylor
Tim Taylor
Venita Teaff
Kenneth Teague

Tanja Tekut
Belinda Thane
Reggie Thomas
Rusty Thomas
Caryn Thompson
John Thompson
Kathleen Thompson
Mike Thompson

Linda Thumsuden
Candy Thweatt
Donna Tijerina
Jaime Tijerina
Michael Tijerina
Matt Torpley
Diem Trans
Karen Trull



Trash, treasures pile up in lockers

Books, old muddy tennis shoes, notebooks, and jackets were just a few things that were hastily jammed in the small amount of space a locker contained.

Probably the most destructive thing students' lockers withstood was the forced opening of the stubborn locks. Even the right combination sometimes failed unless it was absolutely precise. A kick, a hit, a few words, or in the worst cases, a trip to Dean Perkins, accompanied the opening of the lock.

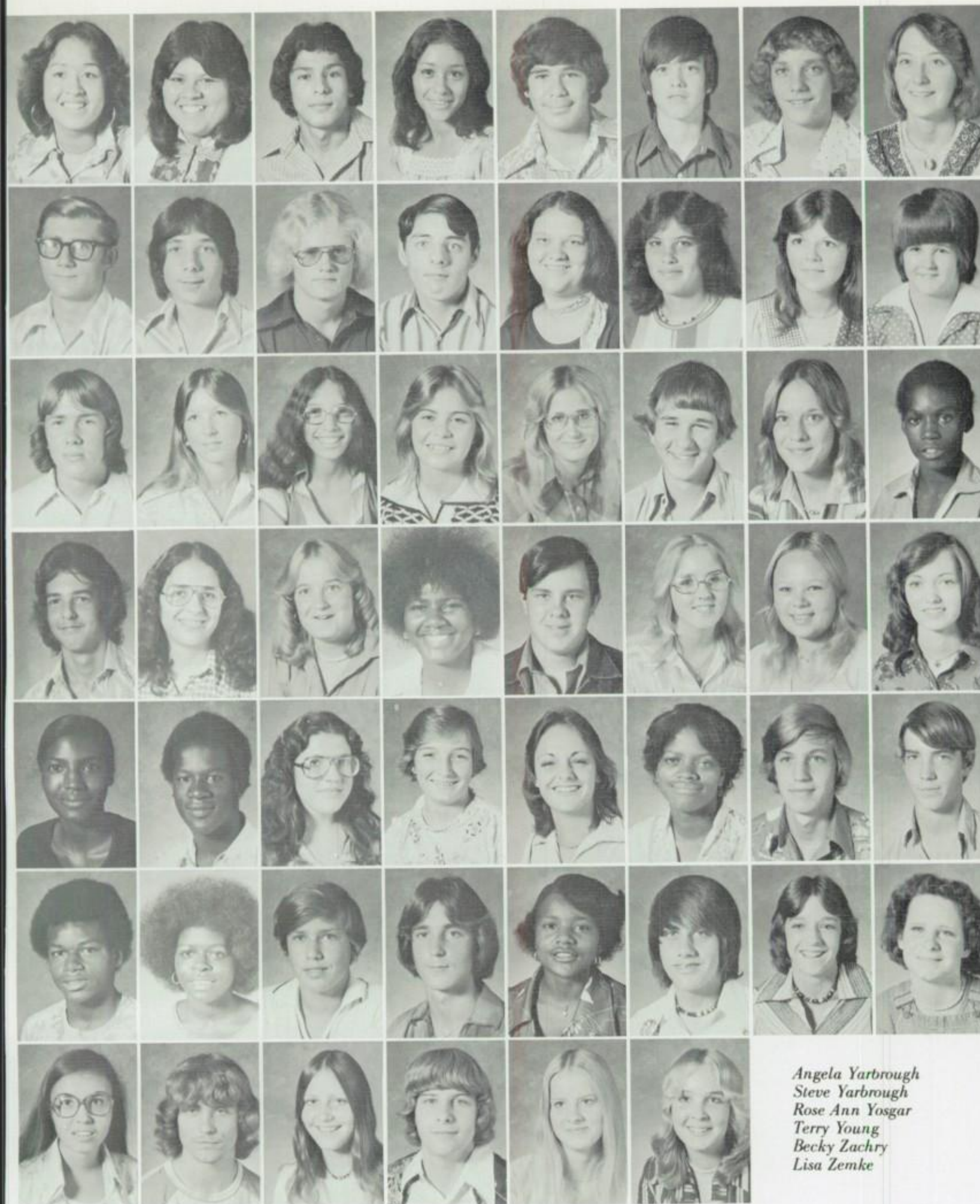
The worst part of the year was unloading the locker and trying to determine trash from treasures. Every sophomore had the ultimate goal of retrieving his or her priceless junk at the final locker cleanup.



*Cara Tucker
Tammi Ussery
Carmen Valdez
David Valdez
Claude Vanderulist
Crystal Van Meter
Dianne Vargas
Robert Vasquez*



1. Books, notes, sweaters, and other clutter are among the things found in some sophomores' lockers.



Angela Villalobas
 Hilda Villalobas
 Tony Villanueva
 Elizabeth Villarreal
 Victor Villarreal
 George Wade
 Kelly Waldron
 Tammy Waldron

Dale Walker
 Ken Walker
 Richard Walker
 Mike Walser
 Cindy Ward
 Jill Warlick
 Sandra Warren
 Maria Watson

Phil Watson
 Tanja Watson
 Ingrid Weaver
 Virginia Welch
 Debby Wells
 Alan Wentrock
 Kelly West
 Dennis White

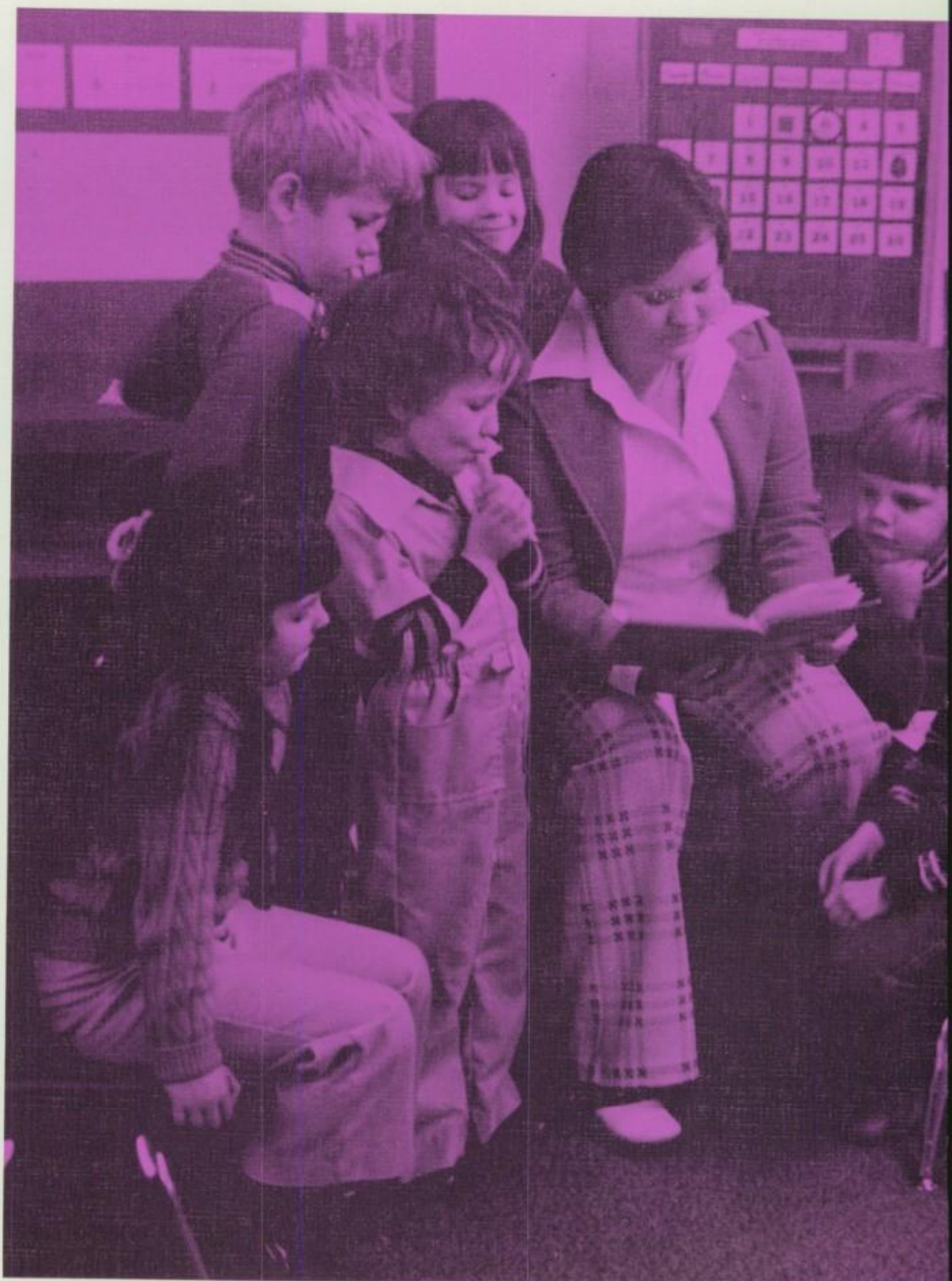
Larry White
 Linda White
 Pam White
 Faith Whitmill
 Joe Whittington
 LaDonna Whitworth
 Billie Wilkerson
 Anna Williams

Carla Williams
 James Williams
 Julie Williams
 Lu Anne Williams
 Shandra Williams
 Donna Wilson
 Greg Wilson
 Guy Wilson

Michael Wilson
 Terri Ann Wilson
 Steve Winkler
 Danny Winsett
 Vickie Wolford
 Mike Wood
 Charon Worthing
 Holly Yancy

Angela Yarbrough
 Steve Yarbrough
 Rose Ann Yosgar
 Terry Young
 Becky Zachry
 Lisa Zemke

1. Opening minds, Cindy Walker reads to the children of Pioneer Drive Baptist Day Care Nursery where she is employed through HECE.
2. Contemplating his role, Reggie Fields sits quietly backstage while others perform in *The Dark of the Moon*.
3. At the end of class, Mrs. Marie Yaeger is presented with the task of straightening up her classroom after young, creative minds have rearranged it.



Can You unders

Through our experiences we learned the need and the want to pick up our socks and carry on through life. We experienced most of the things necessary for life in the real world during school. Becoming aware of our abilities, we experienced applause, creativity, and leadership. Experiencing sweat and the real world made us aware of the grueling work that is involved with "getting ahead" in life. The foundation of our society was experienced through learning about the basics of living and culture. We were awakened to the ever-changing mind expansions in the world through resources, technology, and the pencil. Through all the lectures, homework, class discussions, and tests we learned to understand the need to carry on.

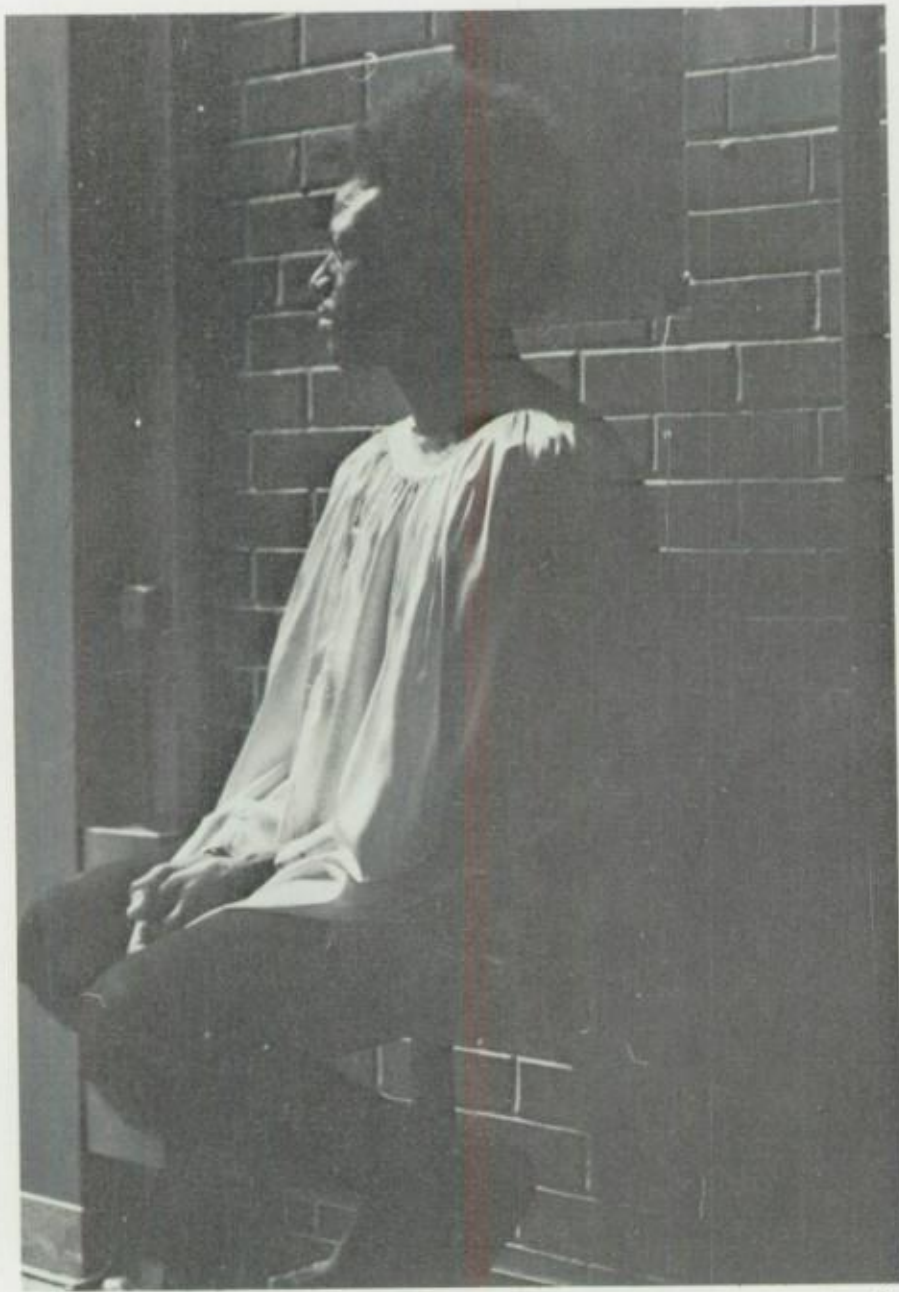


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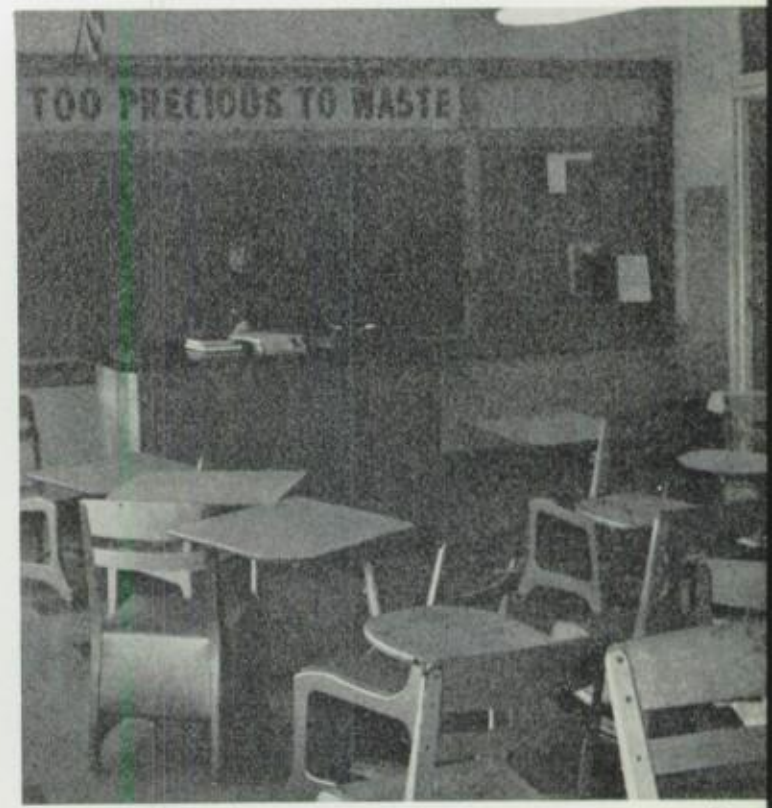
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Experiencing the pencil

pén cil (pén-sil), n. a slender, cylinder of black lead incased in a wooden, metal or other kind of handle at the tip of which the point of lead is exposed for writing or drawing purposes.

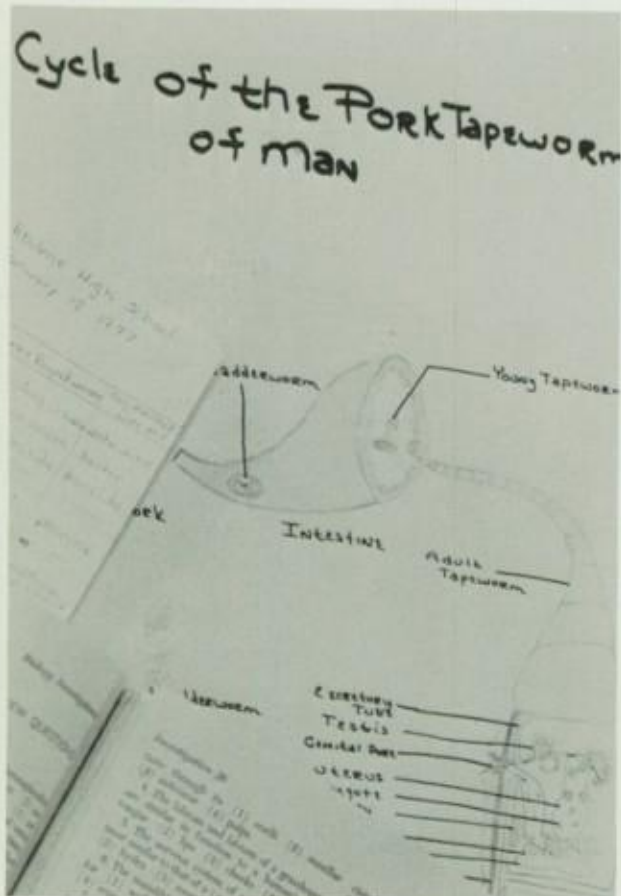
—Webster's International Dictionary

That definition didn't say a thing about the pencil's intentions, did it? We thought it was an ordinary pencil all along. I guess we just didn't know what the pencil wanted.

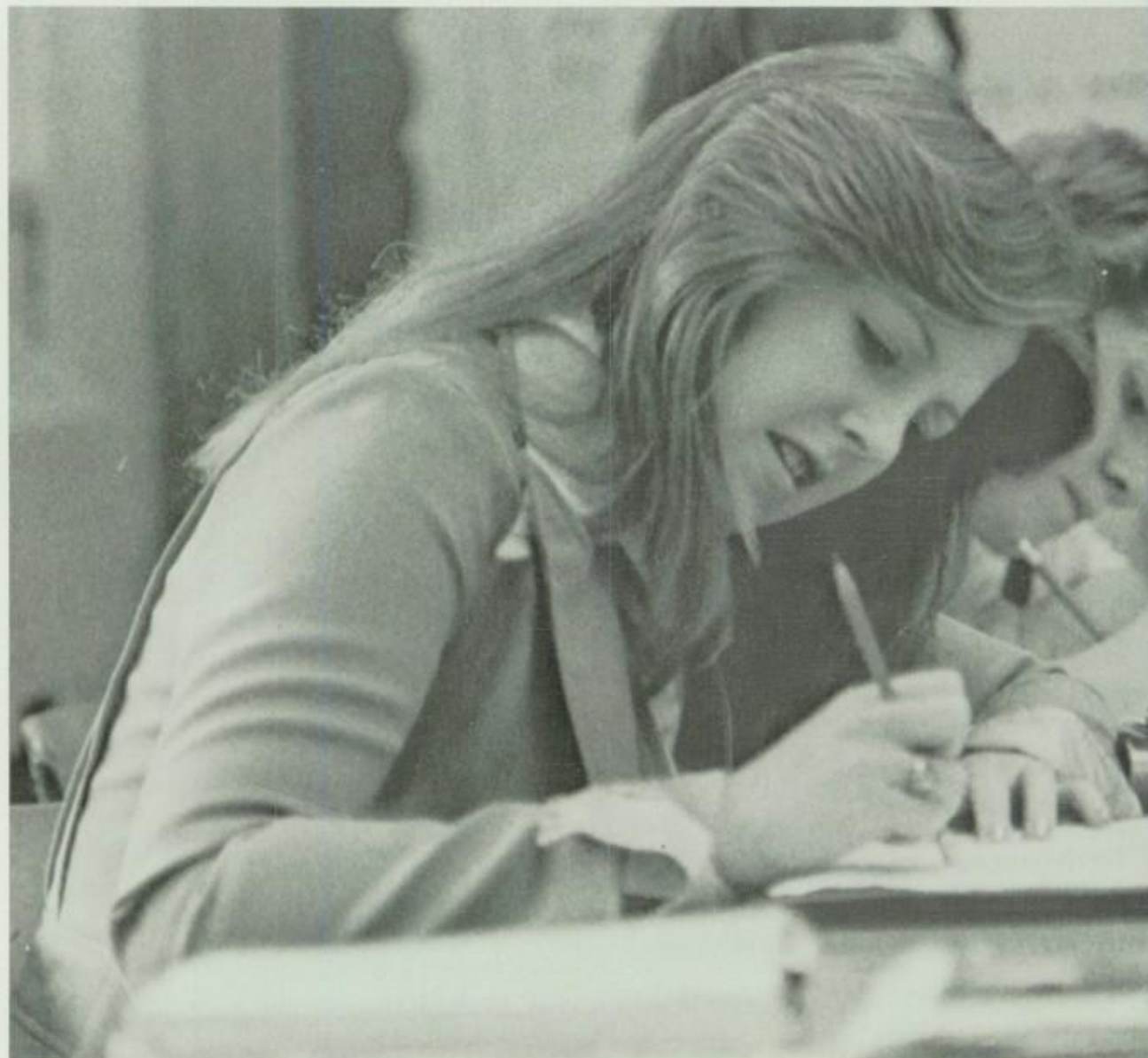
It accosted us in math class after math class—through geometry, through algebra. It worked its way with us into elementary analysis, trig, or calculus. The pencil invaded the science class! It stalked over drawings of parameciums, paricardiums, and endoplasmic reticulums. Physics was plagued by the monster!

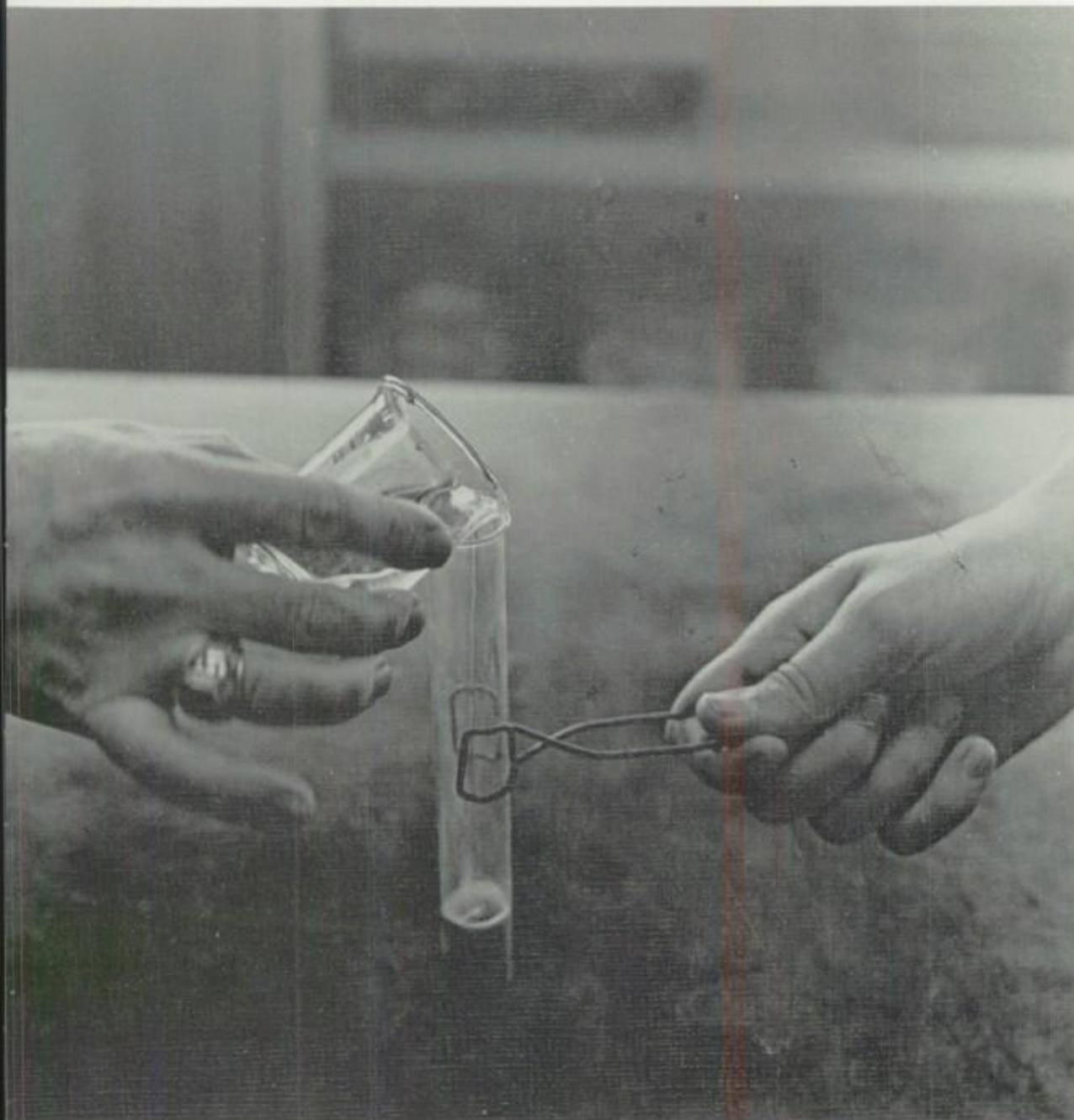
The pencil tortured us by insisting on writing element after element in chemistry. It bamboozled itself into drafting, bookkeeping, and shorthand. Its domain was endless.

Innocently, it lay waiting for us to grasp it and write tests, do assignments, but after page after page, who could think? The monster never let us continue unharried. It frustrated, it angered, it drove us to criminal activity! How? By breaking its lead at the most inopportune times—like right when we just had that fantastic revelation during the last three minutes of that hard calculus test. The way to arrive at the 25-point answer was right at our fingertips—but then—yes then—the pencil lead broke. We scampered, we scurried, we tripped over our neighbor's feet as we dashed to the pencil sharpener. Two minutes! Round and round the handle went, and finally, out came the cursed pencil—still leadless. Round and round again, and . . . the bell! Twenty-five points down the drain—all because of a creepy pencil.



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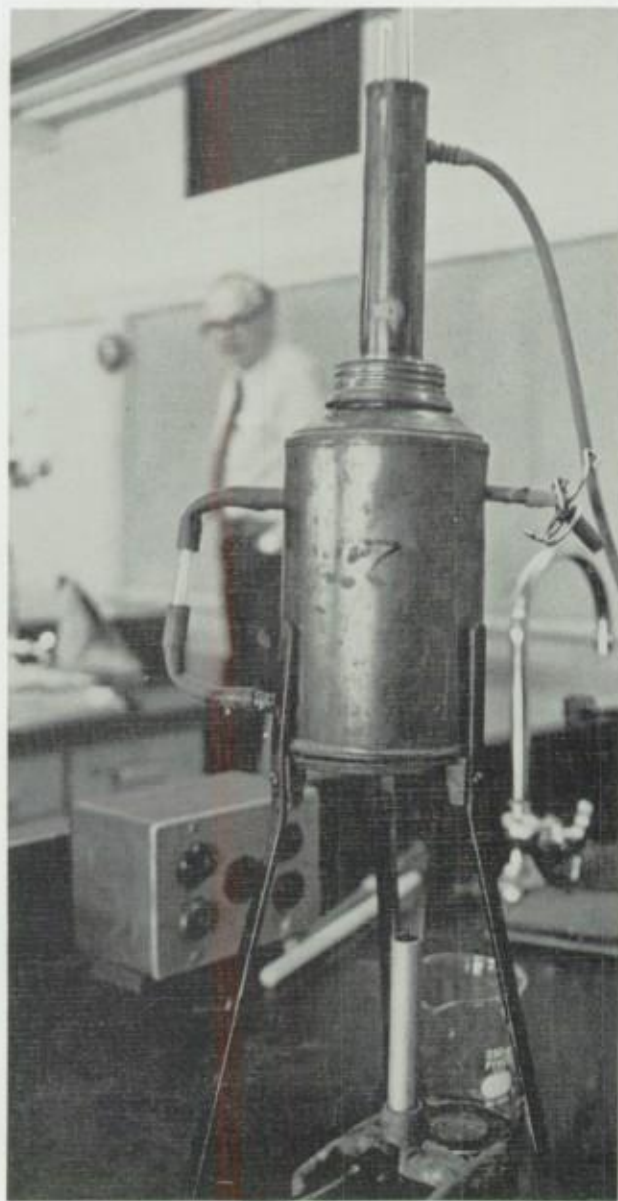
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1. Books, charts, and illustrations are part of the Abilene High science scene.
2. A fragile test tube is gingerly held by Key Gee as Mr. Ron Esman mixes chemicals for an experiment.
3. Here, Steve Claunch displays his unique talent of sharpening a pencil and praying for it to come out pointed at the same time.
4. Knowing how to erase mistakes quickly and easily helps Denise Pointer in the clutch of the rush to finish the test.
5. A boiling concoction brews who-knows-what in physics as Mr. Carl Bacon watches in the background.

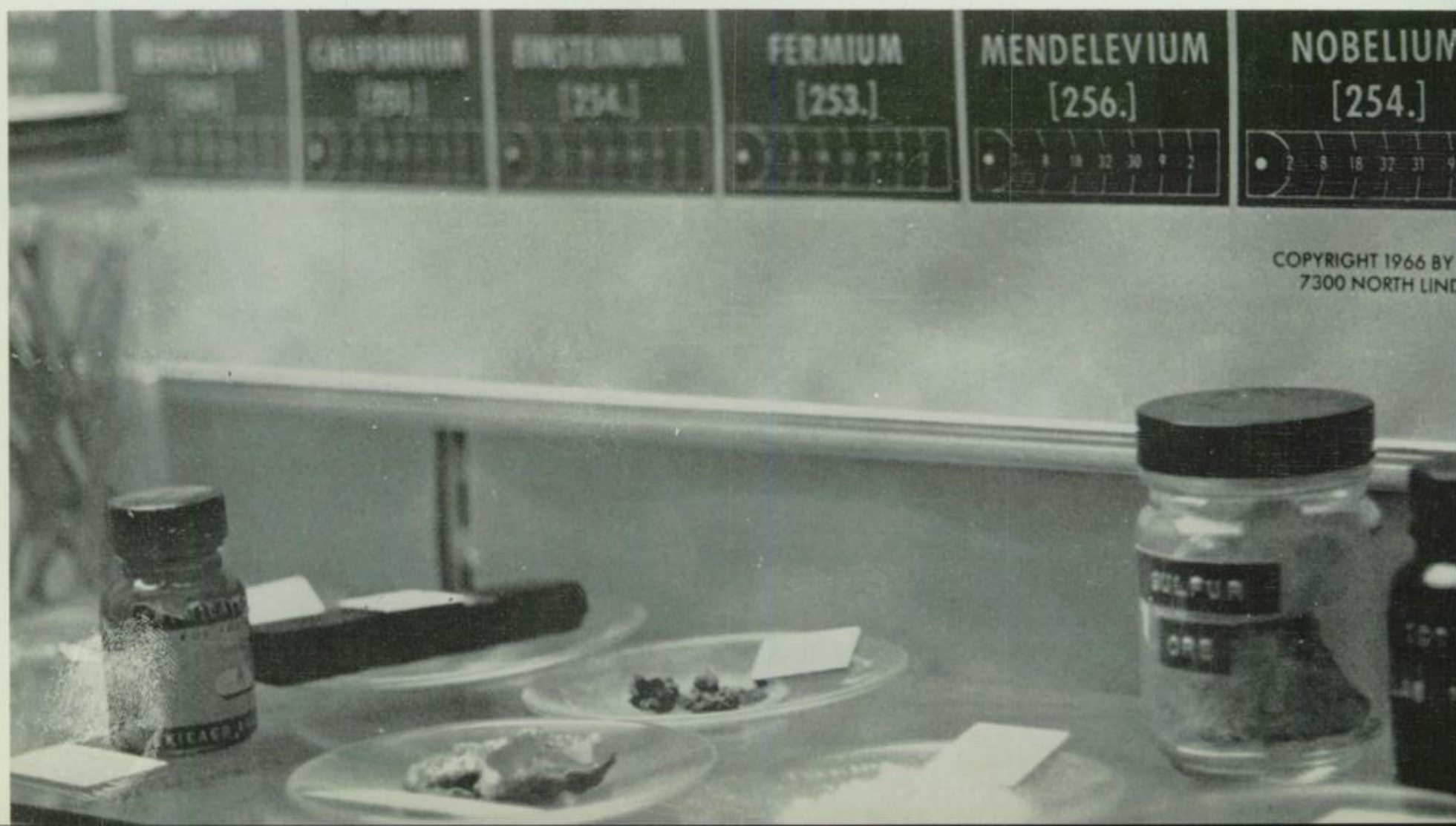
Modern students more influenced by math, science

The multiplicand of the valence of magnesium plus the square root of 843 might equal some of the answers that students got while taking some of the numerous math and science classes at Abilene High.

It seemed that math and science became more important when the space age began. The times to come are surely going to be more technical, demanding a more scientific and mathematically minded American.

If a student took a full load of every math and science course offered at Abilene High, he would be studying for six years! But surely he would be suited for the future.

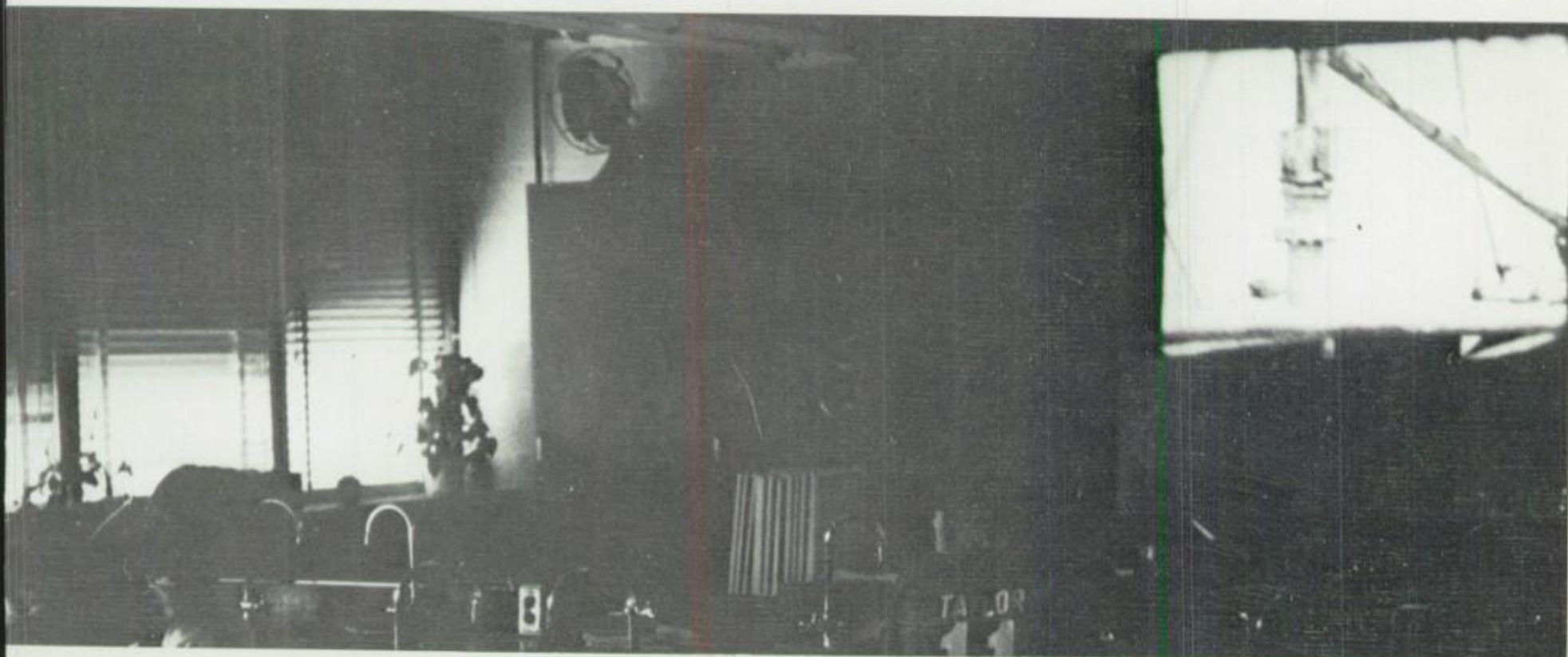
Miss Louise Self, head of the science department, and Mrs. Leona Bryant, head of the math department, felt that Abilene High students were more aware of the needs of knowing the teachings of these fields. Even new mini-courses such as microbiology and consumer mathematics may be added to the curriculums of these fields.



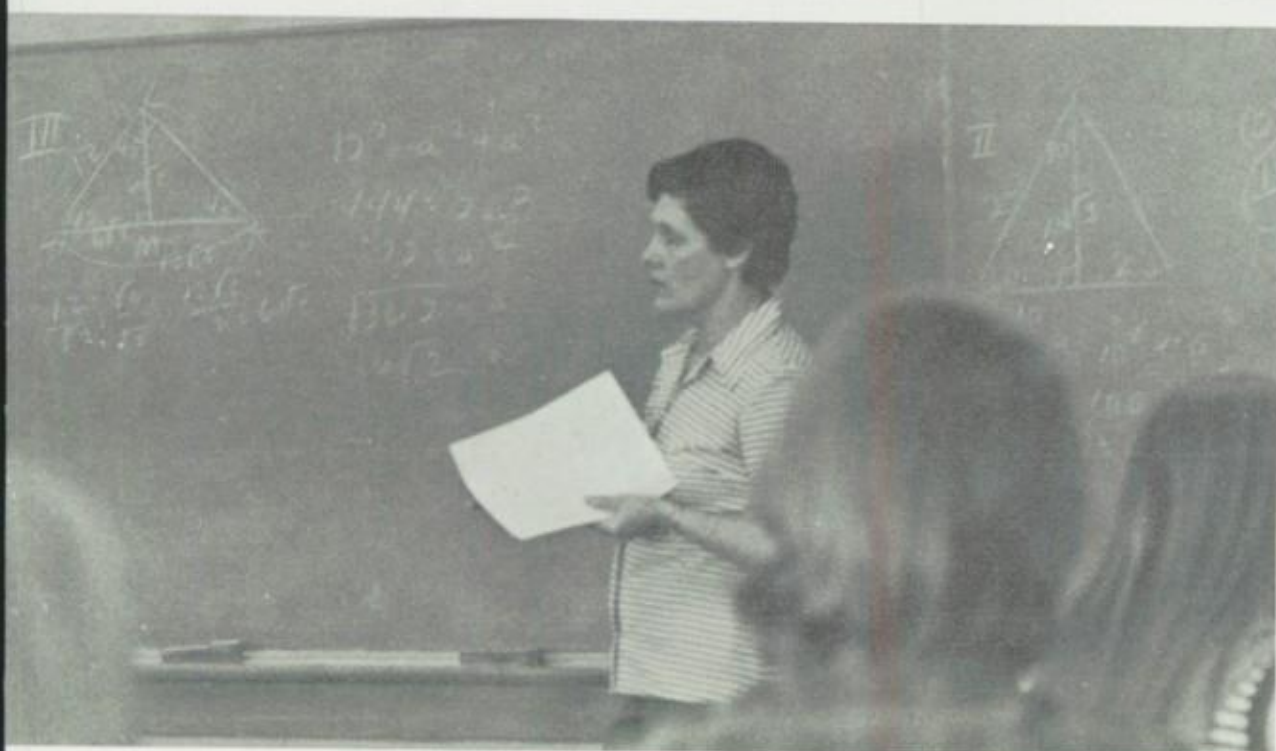
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1. In amphibian study, this frog shows its external view so that students can learn.
2. Taking notes is a must as far as Becky Gardner is concerned.
3. Many visual aids such as films enlighten students to the aspects of science.
4. Displays of the elements explain their atomic structure and their uses.
5. Examples of Pythagoras' theorem help students in Mrs. Dorothy Presswood's geometry class understand right triangles.



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1. A drawing tool is needed to make accurate blueprints, as Janel Roussel finds out in drafting class.

2. Mistakes are bad news for drafters, so Jeff Craig makes sure everything is all right before handing in an assignment.

3. Her nimble fingers are useful while using adding machines as Denise Burton does her work in bookkeeping.

4. The Abilene High shorthanders, Susan Jean, Tina Barnhart, and Myra Oxford practice for the next meet.

5. Sometimes the eraser of a pencil is just as important as the point Randy Ross and Gwen Johnson discover.

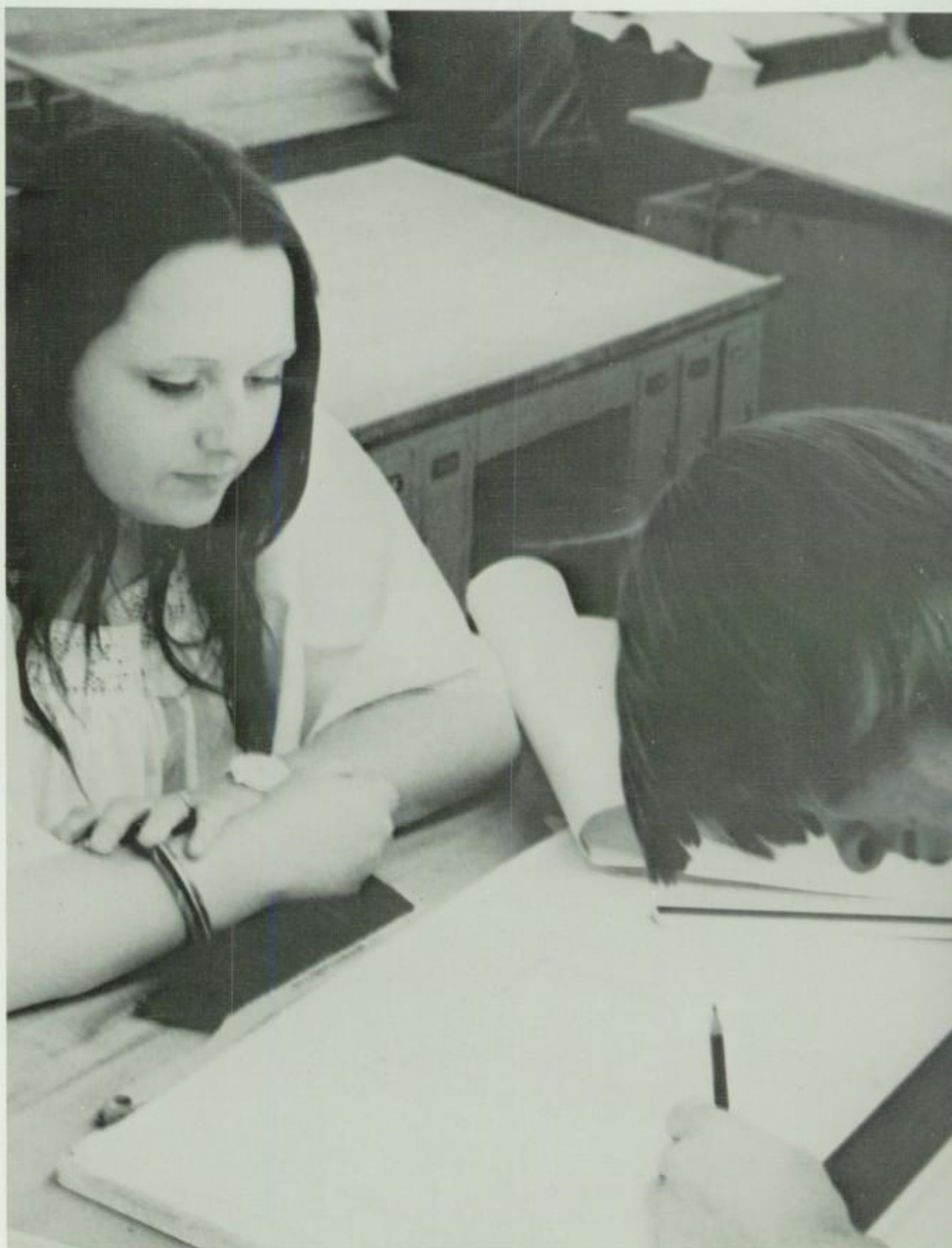
6. Filing, as shown by Gay King, is a necessary part of bookkeeping.



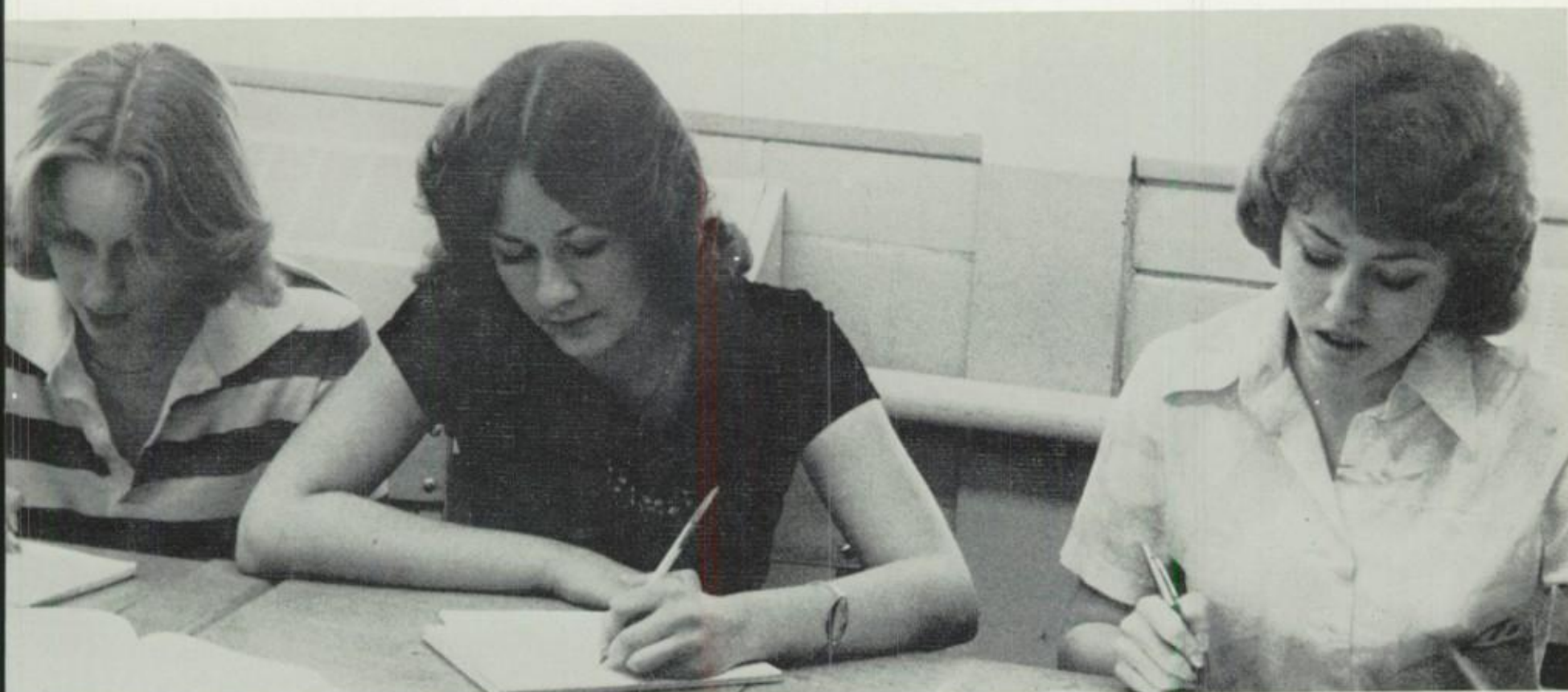
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Vocational classes are career basis

Ever tried taking dictation at 80 words a minute? Tried to file something that anyone could find? How about drawing a blueprint? Well, the students who took shorthand, bookkeeping, or drafting were able to do all that.

These vocational classes were the foundation for each respective field. Mrs. Billie Gray's shorthanders had to know how to dictate quickly in order to be efficient secretaries or court reporters. And imagine the ease at which these girls could take notes!

The girls taking bookkeeping, taught by Mrs. Avis Deavers, were well on their way toward becoming excellent accountants, bookkeepers, or just well-budgeted homemakers.

The architects of tomorrow, the students taking drafting, could go on into the fields of architecture, contracting, office and home building, or blueprinting as there were classes in general drafting, architectural drafting, and architectural and technological drafting. Mr. Hugh Dunn taught students all these drafting classes to insure the upkeep of this field.



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1. Showing off his prize winning bull is quite an honor for Matt Tarpley.

2. **FFA officers.** Jon Bragg (vice president), Stuart O'Connor (sentinel), Ronnye Trull (reporter), Mari Gillis (secretary), Weldon Bragg (president), Mark McKeehan (treasurer).

3. Though he attends school half a day, Jeff Ashlock participates in the ag co-op program, so his afternoons find him working at Wolfe's Nursery.

4. Spring finds Ronnye Trull, FFA sweetheart, in the trees at Cobb Park.

Experiencing life's basics

The bare necessities of life are four—food, shelter, clothing and fuel. If these are reduced to a bare minimum, they are easy to get. As for the luxuries, such as great accumulations of property or money or travel by train, one could easily get along without them. Everything beyond the bare necessities is a luxury for which you spend part of your precious lifetime.

This was the theory of Henry David Thoreau, one of America's most famous and prolific writers, but it wasn't a philosophy held by many young AHS students.

Although the four basic necessities of life remained unchanged, we, as Americans, tended to yearn for those things that were beyond the basics. People looked at life differently, valued it differently than they ever did before. Why shouldn't we? We tended to take that old basic four for granted (Who ever heard of going without a house, going naked for lack of clothes, literally starving to death, or freezing for lack of warmth? Goodness!) Many treasured money, expensive clothing, diamond jewelry—"the finer things of life." We even came to consider some luxuries as necessities—such as washing machines, toasters, dishwashers, blow dryers, cars, calculators, television sets, C. B. radios—the list went on forever!

No matter. One thing must be remembered. Without the basics, there are no "luxuries."

Without the experiencing of these in classes such as health, homemaking, and vocational agriculture, students would have had a hard time remembering what the "basics" and "necessities" really were.



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Work—Ag's business

Winning prizes at contest, raising livestock, and experiencing farm-life through first hand work was how Ag students involved themselves in their business.

Mr. Terry Mauldin and Mr. Bill Scott, instructors of the Ag classes, worked with students all day helping them iron out problems about different cuts of meat, buying or selling livestock, or taking care of sick animals.

A branch of Ag, Future Farmers of America (FFA), was a club that enabled many Ag students to participate in outside activities such as the annual judging contest. Judging assignments for students ranged from meats, poultry and livestock to dairy products, dairy cattle, and land.

Each club member was also required to have a project—either livestock or crop—which was to be sold at one of the local stock shows.

1. Nobody says that girls are the only ones enrolled in clothing classes as demonstrated by Danny Baldivia who looks at his pattern layout in Mrs. Martha Carroll's class.
2. Weddings are both exciting and beautiful—even mock weddings—as illustrated by the expressions of Pat Harwell, Anne McNeil, and Mrs. Cerie Muecke.
3. Mobile homes aren't the easiest items to invest in, but Roxanne Reece finds this particular mobile home quite interesting.
4. Teacher-student cooperation rewards both Flesisa White and Mrs. Muecke as they discover a tough answer to a problem in family planning.
5. Fondue making is a skill that doesn't require much cooking expertise so Teresa Hogg and Robin Marsh can easily enjoy the process without bother.



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To live and cope—goal of homemaking

Helping to live and cope with the situations and circumstances which occur during life was the purpose of home and family living (HFL) class. Taught by Mrs. Cerie Muecke and Mrs. Katherine Meador, the trimester course was taken during the junior or senior year. It dealt with human and family life cycles from birth to death, from newly-wed to old age.

During the first trimester of the course students were introduced to the life cycle. Each cycle was taken through a sequence such as dating, going steady, pre-engagement, and engagement. At the beginning of the next trimester, students planned, then actually had a mock wedding.

Each trimester, students went on several field trips. They visited places such as nurseries, possible places to live, and finally, a funeral home.

Probably the oldest and most basic areas in the home economics department were food and clothing.

Each course was divided into three segments, and each were offered every year. These segments, taught by Mrs. Marian Henry and Mrs. Shirley Shurm, ranged from the fundamentals of how to sew on a button and crack an egg correctly to the intricacies of the very advanced—tailoring a suit, or cooking a gourmet meal.



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Child rearing both rewarding, hectic

Raising children during their first five years of life can be rewarding as well as hectic.

That's why child development was part of the AHS Homemaking curriculum—to educate sophomores, juniors, and seniors taking the course of the pleasant and not so pleasant aspects of parenthood during those early years.

Child development was a one trimester course which dealt with the different behavioral patterns and levels of physical development from conception to five years.

As a special project, students created a playschool with participants as pre-schoolers.

Before child rearing could become a reality, the theory was that sex education should be studied. So, it was take sex education, or no diploma from AHS.

Health was a required two-trimester course dealing with topics ranging from sex education, personal hygiene, and first aid techniques to the problems of air pollution, overpopulation, and generally getting along with others.

To go more in-depth with these topics, students were favored with guest speakers, filmstrips, films, demonstrations, bandaging, and regular classroom participation.





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1. Giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation in health may not be the most desirable activity in the world, but Susie Wood and Jani Sitton can still find the fun.
2. Experiencing the world of fantasy in a child development class is an ideal pastime for Lindy Dawson and Marion Henry, daughter of Mrs. Marion Henry.
3. Practicing bandaging techniques in Mrs. Lucy Weaver's seventh period health class is substitute teacher Mrs. Brenda Wilkins.
4. Going to the zoo can be fun for some, but a bit baffling for Lydia Brubaker, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Martin Brubaker, as she looks at animals along with Deidra Brandon and Darrell Black as part of their child development project.
5. Not really plagued with a sprained ankle, Nancy Ricketts volunteers for a demonstration of bandaging skills.
6. Caught in a whirl Jani Sitton and Carolyn Marsalis find that cooking can be fun as well as tedious.

Experiencing — Applause

That's what they were after—applause. That was why they did it—applause.

Put out a little extra effort for—applause.

Experiencing applause was being able to show people that the performer could do enormous things. And people in turn showed their appreciation for it. For as long as there was a great performance, there was applause.

Everyone has had the feeling of applause at one time or another. When as a child a person took his first step, he knew applause. At his first finger painting, he took a bow. Maybe the biggest hand of all, or a standing ovation if you prefer, was graduation. This showed talent as a scholar and as a student of life.

The students of band, choir, speech, drama, and orchestra classes at AHS seemed to be extraordinarily talented in their special field or fields, yet few people realized how very hard these individuals worked to be applauded. Some, like students of orchestra, had been bowing since fifth grade. To stick with the work that long, one had to have a desire to be special.

The total hours these serious performers poured into their chosen specific field or fields easily reached into the thousands. Most of the endless, laborious hours were spent behind the stage practicing, studying, striving for the closest-to-perfection performances possible.

Of course, not every performance was a winning one, one that was worthy of the clapping of the hands of the audience. Some acts even received the rude reaction of "boo," a hiss, or other uncalled-for comments delivered by uncouth attendants who had no compassion or respect for the entertainer, or had never been familiar with the nervousness one can build up before and during a performance.

These folks learned by their experience with applause and through their mistakes, granted, but mostly through their feelings of accomplishment.



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Speaking expertise sought by students

a, e, i, o, u, —a, e, i, o, u—these are fundamentals of great speakers. Yes, believe it or not, all great speakers know how to manipulate these minute letters in order to have others follow their words.

The students of speech, taught by Ms. Fran King, learned to speak correctly in order to debate, read poetry or prose, and speak publically. Two students, Karen Hahn and Mary Allred were examples of these teachings. They were selected from a group of thirty-seven to compete in district prose reading.

Another aspect in the vast speech program at AHS was designed for those who like to differ, that is, argue. Debate, a Greek form of choosing public officials, is still thriving today as people take varied subjects and transform them into civilized arguments with affirmative and negative viewpoints.

All these points are characteristic of great speakers, but the points must be taught with great care. The students' diligence was rewarded with expertise in speaking skills.



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1. Showing great strength, David Armendariz lifts a barrel of apples in the play *Dark of the Moon*.
2. Discussion is all a part of speech as Steve Waldren and Andrea Dawkins find out talking about school.
3. In *Dark of the Moon*, bitter rivals John (David Armendariz) and Marvin Hudgins (Robert Garrison) fight it out.
4. Shyness cannot be tolerated in public speaking as Melinda Derrick shows.



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1. Symphonic band. FRONT ROW: Susie Fonner, Carol Cooper, Kim Parish, Tanja Watson, Regina Roath, Linda Ables, Rhonda Barnes, Lee Anne Sanders, Susanne Chalcraft. SECOND ROW: Debbie Megginson, Darla Bishop, Tammi Smith, Denise Grisham, Melinda Elliot, Robin Marsh, Cindy Guy, Melinda McLeskey, Cindy Claunch, Molly Dawson, Alan Hardwicke, Laurie Stevens, Gaylene Fagan, Angie Northrup, Lyndy Dawson, Karen Hood.

2. All-region band members. FRONT ROW: Chris Lathrup, Linda Ables, Mike McAuliffe, Jaye Wright, Susanne Chalcraft. BACK ROW: Fred Hardwicke, Jeff Berryman, Jim Foster.

3. Property sergeants. FRONT ROW: Rosemary Bielfeldt, Mary Beth Chalk, Kim Cooper. BACK ROW: Steve Vertz, Alan Hardwicke.

Band officers. FRONT ROW: Susie Fonner, Mary Beth Chalk, Rhonda Bains. BACK ROW: Mike McAuliffe, Ricky Bailey, Howard Worthing.

5. All-area band members. Chkis Lathrup, Mike McAuliffe, Fred Hardwicke.

6. Concert band. FRONT ROW: Steve Winkler, Cindy Salazer, Bobbi Martin, Jere Madison, Ingrid Weaver, Darla Bridges. SECOND ROW: Pam Childreds, Rosemary Riojos, Patricia Rodriguez, Sheri Lusk, Sondra Rusk, Cincy Mann, Cynthia Fine, Scott Ackard, Terrel Lawrence, Lisa McAlister, Christine Offringa, Lana Davis, Jay Waggoner, Kelly Waldron. BACK ROW: Bill Spencer, David Head, Rob Sudberry, Angela Yarbrough, Sharon Shelton, Teresa Langan, Junior Martinez.



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Band marches to military cadence

Unknown to a majority of AHS'ers, ROTC was not the sole possessor of captains, sergeants and lieutenants. Nor was the nurse the only one with band-aids. Another organization shared such distinctions. It was the marching band.

Property Sergeants were the backbone; they took care of loading and unloading the bus, and they, under the supervision and direction of the head property sergeant, saw that the instruments were packed and arrived at their proper destinations.

Band officers included a captain, a 1st lieutenant, a 2nd lieutenant and a 3rd lieutenant. They were the disciplinary unit. They gave demerits and were in charge of the members on the bus.

The band aide was a misleading title for general secretary. She handled most of the paper work.

Similar to the ROTC's officers, the band's officers helped things run orderly and smoothly. Similar to the nurse's band-aids the marching band's band aides were also a basic. Both were indispensable.



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1. Concentration is imperative as Alan Hardwicke and Mark Powell play "El Capitan March."
2. Shielding the sound, Richard Rodgers hides behind a cymbal.
3. Dexterity is a must if one wants to be able to play the flute well Bobbie Martin finds.
4. Seven-thirty in the morning is no time to be marching, as any band member will tell you.
5. Neither rain, snow, nor second period classes can keep Mr. Bill Spencer and the band from playing at the ROTC awards presentation.



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All march to beat of same hum-drum

Rehearsing, memorizing, rehearsing, practicing, rehearsing, marching, and rehearsing was the cycle of the Eagle Band. Mr. Bill Spencer, director of bands, worked all the school year and through the summer trying to better Abilene High's musicians.

Having the band members march on cold muddy fields at seven-thirty in the morning helped achieve a division I at the UIL marching contest. As the year progressed, the symphonic band received two more first divisions at the UIL contest at Cooper High School. The concert band made a division I in concert and a III in sight reading.

Others may not be aware of the work involved in putting together a band of this calibre. Along with the director and drum majors, a band of this size needs band officers and property sergeants that are necessary for the smooth operation of the organization. They coordinated sales projects and contest arrangements. The property sergeants made sure all equipment used by band members was returned and in order.

Along with student leadership, the Eagle Band also had an active booster club. These boosters arranged the band's money-raising activities and certain parents acted as sponsors on out-of-town trips.

Members of the band certainly felt they received ample reward for their efforts when the symphonic band went to Corpus Christi to play in the Buccaneer Day's band festival on the Del Mar college campus. The band made a division II at the contest.

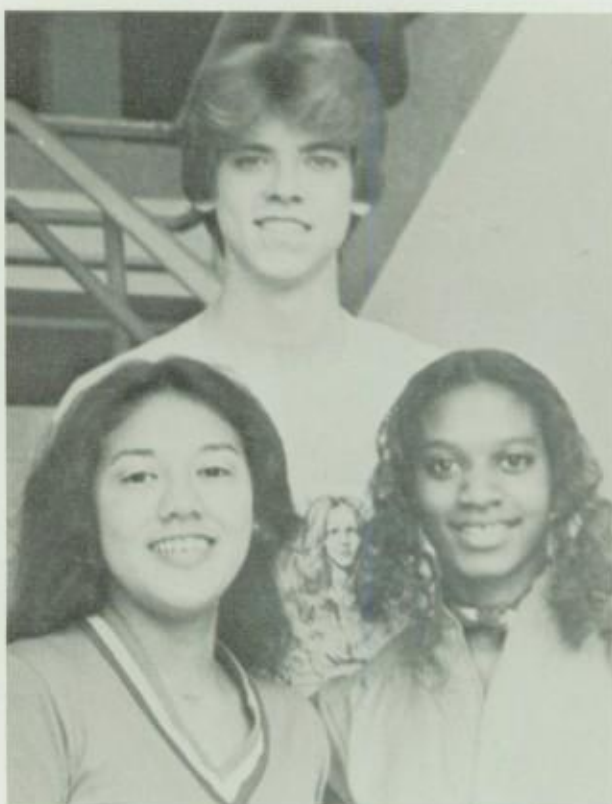
The strange thing was they spent two hours playing and about seventy hours enjoying themselves on the beach, throwing water balloons in the motel, talking, or whatever young people do together.



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Festival finds talent

Doooooooooooooooooooo, Reeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee,
Miiiiiiiiiii, Faaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa These
sounds mean music to the ears of a real
professional, and music it was. Our three
choirs racked up two first divisions in
sight reading at the annual choir
festival in Snyder. The first of our three
choirs was the concert choir, whose Mary
Beth Mitchell was selected for All-State.
The second choir was the a-capella choir
which was appointed a III in contest
along with a I. When they weren't practicing,
members were busy doing programs for
special events such as the Christmas
program at Citizens National Bank.
The third choir, the bel canto, was unable
to do much this year because of too
many schedule changes. Mr. Danny Hood
conducted all choirs.



1. **A capella choir officers.** Clay Hale (president), Linda Montez (vice-president), Myra Cumby (secretary).
2. Giving their spring performance with the other choir members are Rena Bunkley, Gaye Greever, and Janie Raines.
3. **Concert choir.** FRONT ROW: Penney Hankins, Carol Holloway, Sue Chaney, Christine Rohlf, Tai Nunnally, Darla Bishop, Leah Thomason, Christi Sims, Tammy Neff, Denise Pointer, Paula James, Denise Grisham, Sherri Kimmey, Vickie Goode, Tracey Tatum, Karen Hahn. SECOND ROW: Elizabeth Bordelon, Rena Bunkley, Janie Raines, Jan Garcia, Mark Taylor, Jeff Berryman, Tim Willis, Mike Nelson, Paul Willis, Paul Gomez, Lynn Vanderveer, Susan Chalcraft, Beth Porterfield. THIRD ROW: Darla Patton, Mary Beth Mitchell, Thersa Hogg, E. C. Ice, Dennis Smith, Armando DeLuna, Scott Taylor, Nelson Coates, Mike Redwine, David Andrews, Tammy Hanby, Cynthia Fine, Dana Mayhall. BACK ROW: Debbie Bridges, Candy Parker, Gaye Greever, Sherri Kehl, Mark McMurray, Byron Roberts, Clay Hale, John Bordelon, Terry Clark, Gary Evans, Gregg Wilson, Steve Vertz, Jeff Woods, Fred DuPont, Donna Roath, Glenda Baxter.



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1. **All-region choir.** Tracey Tatum, Dana Mayhall, Paul Willis, Jeff Berryman, Mary Beth Mitchell, Tai Nunnally, Mike Nelson, Darla Patton, Debbie Bridges, Theresa Hogg, Felix Garcia, Candy Parker, Clay Hale, John Bordelon.
2. Focusing on director Mr. Danny Hood and concentrating on the music are Steve Vertz, Bobby Harris and Fred DuPont.
3. **All-area choir.** FRONT ROW: Darla Patton, Tracey Tatum. BACK ROW: Debbie Bridges, Candy Parker, Mary Beth Mitchell, Theresa Hogg.



1. **Concert choir officers.** Gaye Greever (corresponding secretary), Mike Nelson (treasurer), Jeff Berryman (president), Tim Willis (vice-president), Tai Nunnally (recording secretary).
 2. **A capella choir.** FRONT ROW: Polly Mills, Venita Teaff, Laura Glenn, Kathy Martin, Angela Yarbrough, Kathleen Thompson, Rose Nolting, Norma Martinez, Maria Watson. SECOND ROW: Meg Mahanay, Marina Portillo, Leandro Palcios, Chuck Mitchell, Chuck Bohannon, Kenneth Beggs, Mike Logan, Mike Dawkins, Teresa Saferight, Gloria Henry. THIRD ROW: Sybil Sanders, Caryn Thompson, Jill Middleton, John Sherman, Terry Young, Randy Story, Courtney Connell, Felix Garcia, David Smith, Kim Harper, Myra Cumby. BACK ROW: Kim Kampert, Linda Montez, Tim Baxter, Rob Rankin, Lonnie Hicks, Tim Broyles, Gary Green, Mark Edwards, Billy Thomason, Tammi Ussery, Marlena McMillin.

1. Concentration is essential in playing classical music Steve Claunch and Melinda Fox find as they play Mozart.
2. Principle cellist Alan Boyd keeps his number one ranking by practicing daily.
3. The largest instrument in the orchestra, the bass, is played by Scott Sandefur, an all-state orchestra student since ninth grade.



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Talent, technique create lovely art

You might not have thought that pulling and pushing cat gut over metal strings was any way to spend a class hour, but what did you know? You weren't in orchestra.

These students had been doing this type of thing since 5th or 6th grade. It added up to a lot of time practicing and playing, but to orchestra types, the trouble was half the fun.

Stringed instruments alone didn't make up the orchestra. Wind and percussion players from band were in the orchestra and rehearsed every Wednesday afternoon. The whole group had 33 members, all rehearsing for student concerts, UIL concerts, and to make themselves better players.

Some outstanding students ranked among these people. These were the students that played in the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra; Alan Boyd, a cellist, and Scott Sandefur, a bassist. These students worked Monday nights practicing for the Philharmonic.

Maybe pulling cat gut wasn't an ideal occupation, but with dexterity and technique, it became a beautiful art—the art of orchestral music.

EXPERIENCING

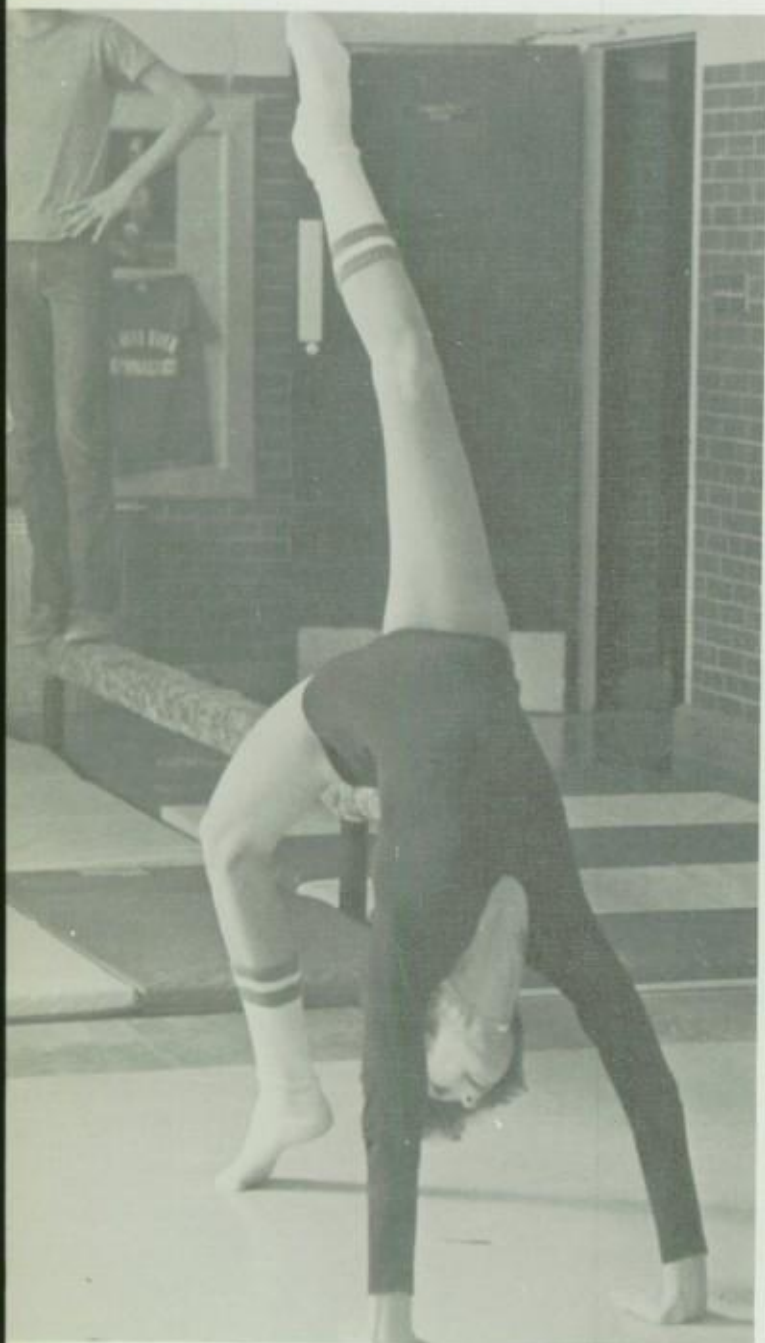
SWEAT

Experiencing sweat did not necessarily mean that a person had to be involved with something that strained all the muscles so much that he looked like he just got doused with a bucket of water. Experiencing sweat did mean that students had to work, not only with their bodies, but also with their minds.

Sweating out their grades was not always everyone's bag—some didn't care while others had need to. But a grade that everyone sweated out at one time was that sweet little devil, the driving test. Even though most of us wished to sleep through our 7:30 drivers' ed class, we did realize that we needed to know what was being taught if only for that coveted license, so we managed to keep our alertness to at least a minimum.

After sweating it out behind the driver's ed car with the instructor and his odious brake, we seemed to be submitted to an even harder assignment—driving with parents. After all that experience and instruction, it came down to those frightening moments when the little DPS man stepped around and into the car. It was then when most of the sweating came. After the license was issued, we all calmly settled into the not-so-bad traffic of Abilene, although we still felt a little moisture every time a police car went by while we were driving.

Of course, we still experienced sweat in its truest meaning—in gym shorts. Every trimester the people in charge found more classes to offer, and aside from athletics, they proposed such classes as badminton, aerobics, wrestling, weight training, girl's cross-country, outdoor education, girl's conditioning and figure control, archery, and recreational games. What did they do in these classes, besides sweat? Everything from learning how to back-pack to playing chess to running for miles. Of course, some of these classes did not use as much muscle as others, but still the sweat was evident, and at the end of a hard week, the stained gray or white and green gym clothes welcomed a thorough washing at home.



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1. Displaying her gymnastic ability, Jamie Fuller does a back walk-over.
2. Wrestling class gives Anne Galvan and Randy Shirk a chance to have fun romping during school.
3. Sweating out what Dad will say about that first ticket is one of the first lessons in driving.
4. Preparing for a long hike, Bret Morris learns the fundamentals of backpacking during outdoor education.
5. Part of aerobics is twisting and turning as Lynn Clevenger and Carmen Valdez find out during class.
6. Contemplating a close call with his arrow, Dennis Smith enjoys the new archery class.

Experiencing the real world

During high school, students realized that school wasn't all there was to life. They knew about the real world and some students wished to experience it before the security of their high school years were over.

Previous students had felt the same way so the present students found that there were many classes in various interesting career fields. These classes were held under the name of vocational programs and the students involved learned how to prepare for an occupation. Involving health and home related fields, Health Occupations Education (HOE) and Home Economics Cooperative Education (HECE) enlightened students involved in the fact that what most people consider the dull basics of life could actually be extremely exciting.

Contributing to today's world through construction, building trades and electrical trades offered students the opportunity to lend a lot of creativity to their endeavors in these fields. They found the pleasure of working with their hands that men since the beginning of time have felt. To learn how to get along in the business world of office work, many girls participated in Vocational Office Education (VOE). Also related to the business world, Distributive Education (DE) offered students a knowledge of the retail world.

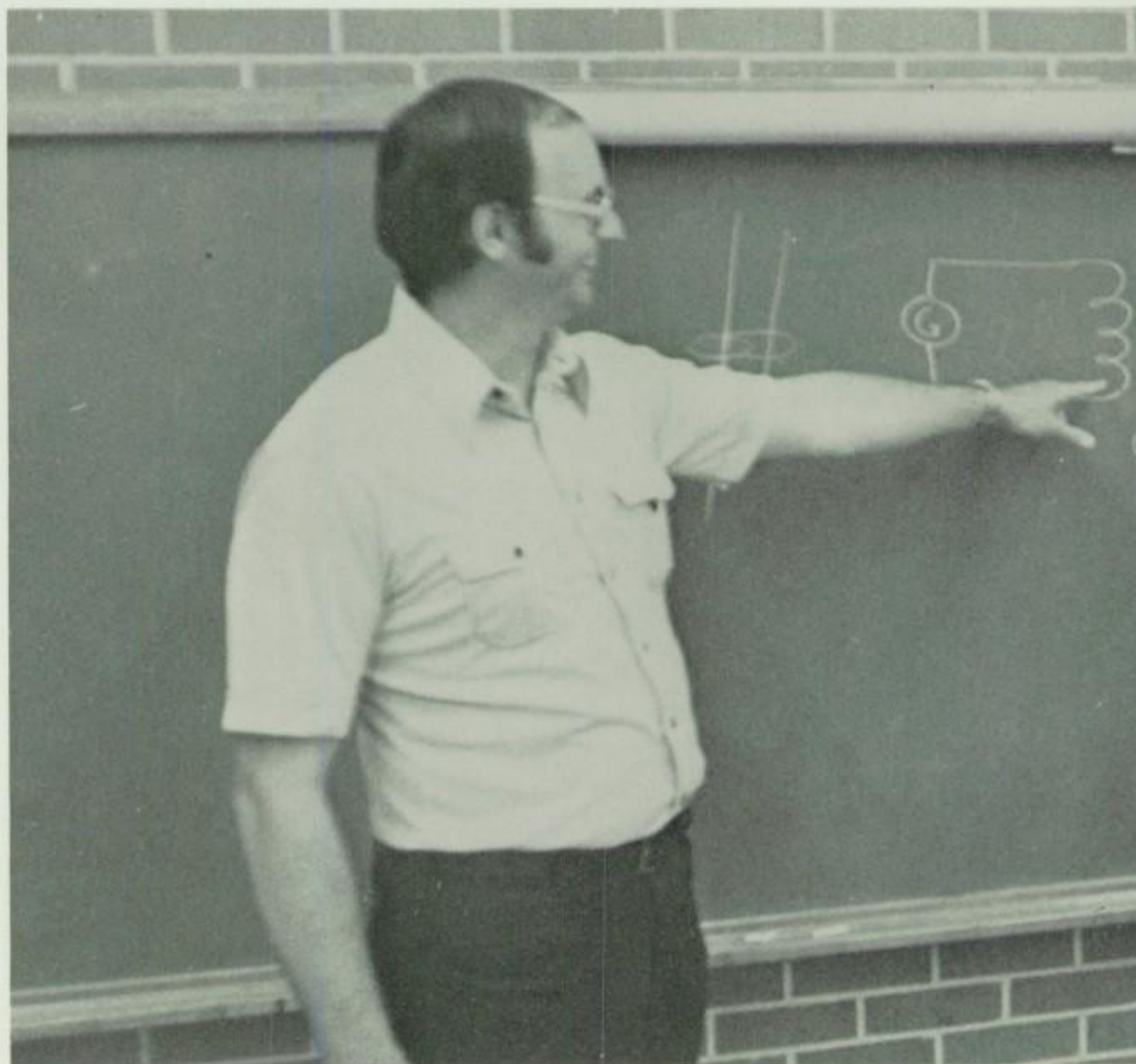
Students interested in a skilled occupation could have taken Industrial Cooperative Training (ICT), where they learned how to work with their hands. Another option to students wishing to do trained labor was Coordinated Vocational and Academic Education (CVAE).

After being exposed to one of the many different vocations to choose from, many students found their way into life as well prepared individuals capable of surviving the cruelties of the real world.



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1. Working on a small generator, Alan McKay and Peter Eastburn widen their knowledge of electrical machines.
2. Fitting a door to its opening often takes the help of objective eyes like those of Doug Petty as he aids Monty Forrester.
3. Checking out equipment in building trades, David Head finds the tools necessary for the day's work.
4. To demonstrate a current flow as Mr. Plant does to Jimmy Garza takes a definite knowledge of electricity.
5. Putting up a wall in Sargent Riesing's house, Leandro Palacios retrieves a dropped nail.

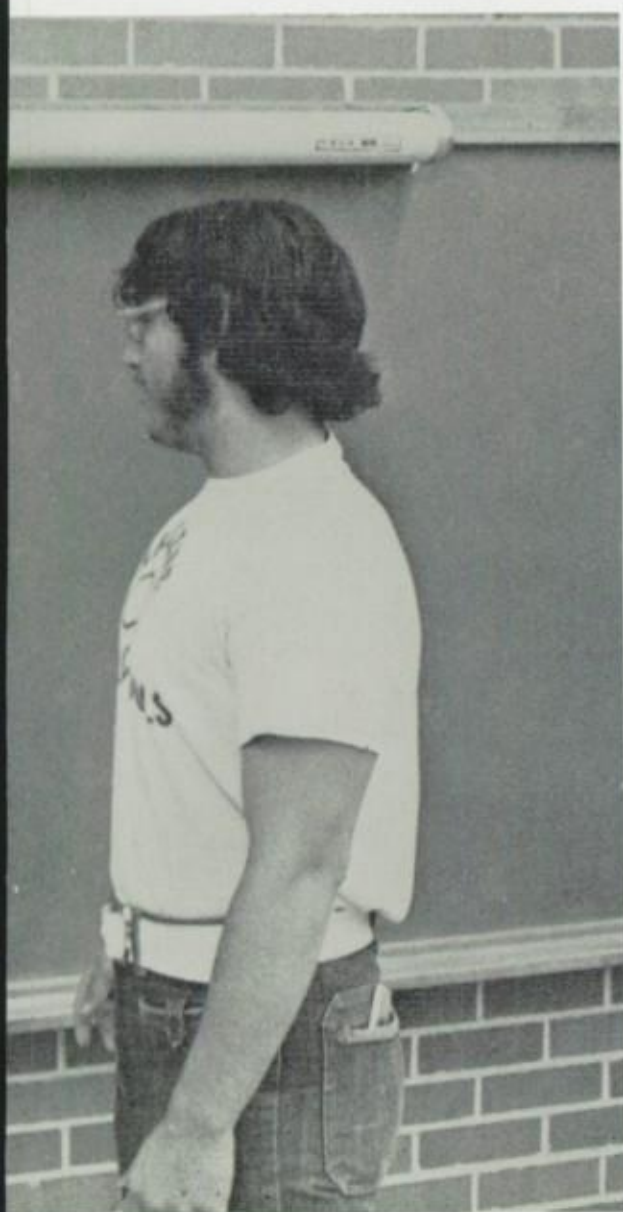




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Bang! Bang! Ouch!

Busily attacking today's problems, building and electrical trades joined in fighting the age-old dilemma of housing. Each class offered the student a chance to learn the useful art of carpentry and wiring.

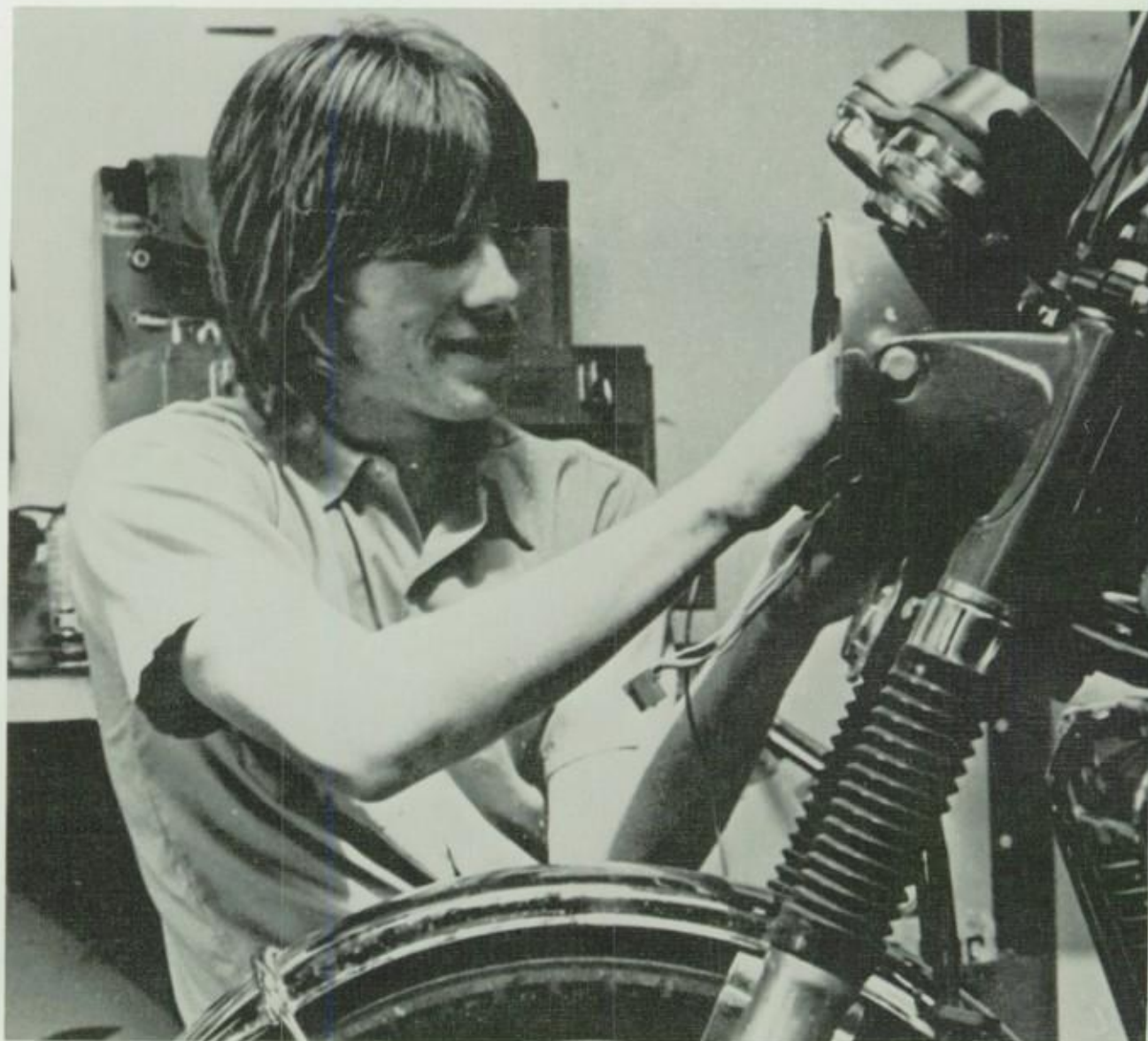
During the year, each class of building trades worked on various houses throughout the community. They constructed the frame from a previously laid foundation. After the frame was built, they completed the rest of the building. There were two classes of building trades, each three hours long, held in the morning and afternoon.

When the houses building trades students were working on were ready for wiring, electrical trades wired them. They also went to other places around the city to do wiring. Franklin Jr. High's tennis building was one place that benefited from electrical trades students' talent.

After two years in either building or electrical trades, students were well qualified for jobs as carpenters or electricians.



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1. Stocking shelves is one of DE student Doug Watts' various jobs at Furr's.
2. Achieving one of his goals in ICT, Russ Fletcher masters motorcycle repair.
3. Working with machinery comes easily to ICT student Mike Edwards.
4. During ICT, Greg Reagan learns about the craftsmanship of auto upholstery.
5. The job of butchering isn't all that it's cut up to be, as Richard Bartlet discovers through his ICT job.
6. Cosmetics distribution at TG&Y helps Ronda Young understand more about her career choice in DE.



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Cooperation, skills help teach students life in real world

Developing leadership abilities to further students' capacities in the working world, Industrial Cooperative Training (ICT) and Distributive Education (DE) also fostered in students a deep respect and dignity for work.

Instituted to prepare juniors and seniors for full-time employment, ICT offered students the opportunity to work in the actual conditions of the fields which they planned to pursue.

ICT also offered course work in carpentry, plumbing, auto-mechanics, auto body shop, electrical motor repair, machinery, upholstery, drafting and printing.

Designed to develop future leaders in marketing and distribution, Distributive Education (DE) utilized one class period a day to help students achieve their goals. Learning marketing, merchandising, and business management, each student developed individual responsibility toward his chosen career.

After finding a job in the community, DE students were trained in the classroom in the basics of that particular field.

Encouraged to compete with others in their particular skills, students realized useful goals and the way to attain a purposeful life through Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) and Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA).

ICT students in VICA who scored in area competition were Russ Fletcher, first place in skill speed as a motorcycle mechanic; Richard Bartlett, second place in skill speed as a butcher; and Greg Reagan, second place in auto upholstery.

In DECA, the DE students ranking in area competition were Shelli Stout, second place in job interviews; Jeff Moss, third place in food service; Candy Ververs, third place on her manual about distribution of toys; and Julie Johnson, third place in general merchandising.

Students prepare for skilled labor

Preparing for the world of skilled labor was the main objective of each student participating in the Coordinated Vocational Academic Education (CVAE) program.

CVAE, taught by Mr. Steve Rinard, gave students the opportunity to learn the technical aspects of on-the-job training during the afternoon, as well as take advantage of regular academic courses such as English, math, social studies, and science.

Usually employed by local businesses, the students were required to work at least fifteen hours per week and no more than twenty-five hours.



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Excitement awaits secretarial trainees

Getting ready for the dog-eat-dog working world and hoping to find that certain high-paying, secretarial job were the main objectives of each trainee in the Vocational Office Education (VOE) program.

Pre-Vocational Office Education, taught by Miss Judy Bird, trained the student in the various areas of secretarial work and other miscellaneous office duties.

As seniors, VOE students, if employable, went on the work-study program, usually employed by many of the big businesses of Abilene.

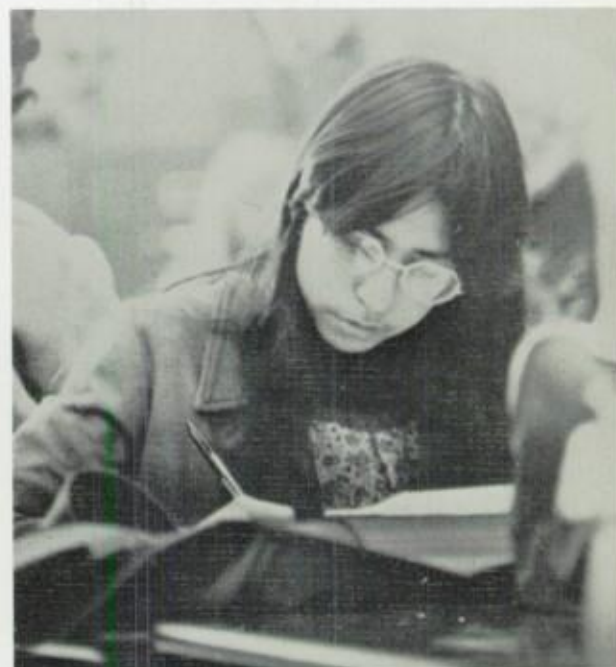
Members of the Office Education Association (OEA), students competed annually in the OEA contest held during the month of March in Odessa.

First Place winners were Elizabeth Riojas (accounting), Kathy Stevens (shorthand), Carla Swindle (typing), Cindy Fenner (job interview), and Judy Thomas (prepared speech).

Leading the OEA were Denise Burton (president), Sherry Baxter (vice president), Deidra Brannon (secretary).



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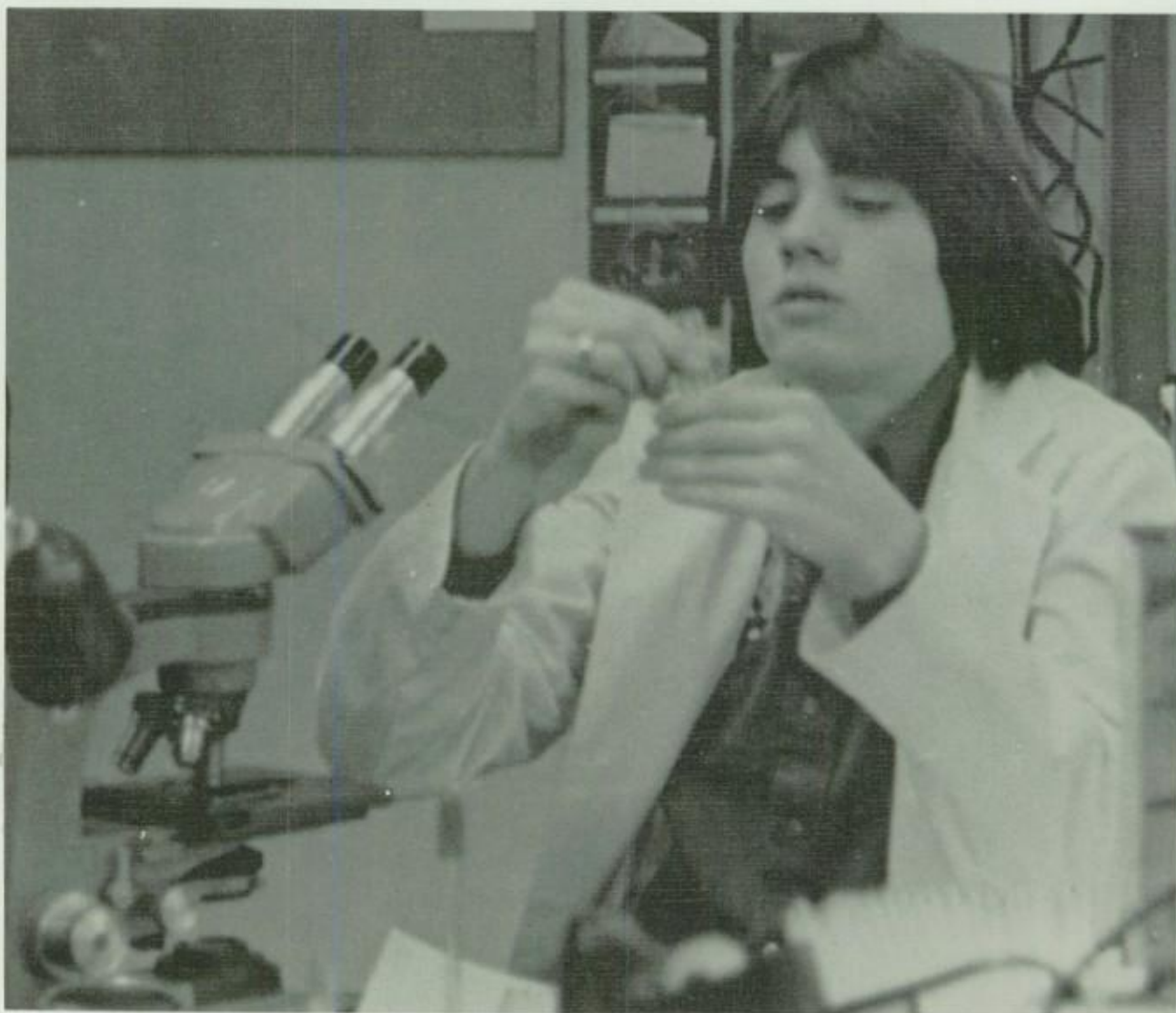
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1. Using her skills at computing prices, Cecilia Bell punches out her problems.
2. Working at Mead's Bakery, Brent Burkhart learns what the real world is like.
3. Exercising her speed and accuracy, Penni Hankins types a letter.
4. Experiencing a career at the Copper Kettle through first hand experience helps Jo Ellen Alexander understand how her job works.
5. Typing is easy for some people as Michelle Hayes shows here.
6. Taking notes is one of the many tasks a secretary must undertake as demonstrated by Cecilia Garcia.



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1. Making sure that silverware is kept germ free, Cindy Crawford puts clean utensils in sanitized plastic sacks for use by Hendrick's Hospital patients.
2. Watering geraniums, Doug Diener attends to one of his many jobs at Baack's Greenhouses.
3. Working toward a career in medical research, Vance Naylor tests blood samples for their types.
4. Planning a meal at Hendricks Hospital, Leisa Kearney fulfills her position as a dietetic aide.
5. Learning more about the field of occupational therapy, Cindy McDill teaches one of the patients at the Rehabilitation Center how to cope with the kitchen.



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Gesundheit! Students investigate cure

Discovering the cure for the common cold and finding more ways to benefit mankind through the medical field was the main objective of the students involved in Health Occupations Education (HOE). During one hour of class each day these juniors or seniors who had maintained a good grade average and displayed a genuine interest in the medical field the year before learned how to determine the vital signs. They also studied in a workbook covering their chosen field of medicine. After or before a half-day of classes, HOE students went to jobs assigned to them. This on-the-job training helped the student involved decide if he had chosen the right field of medicine.

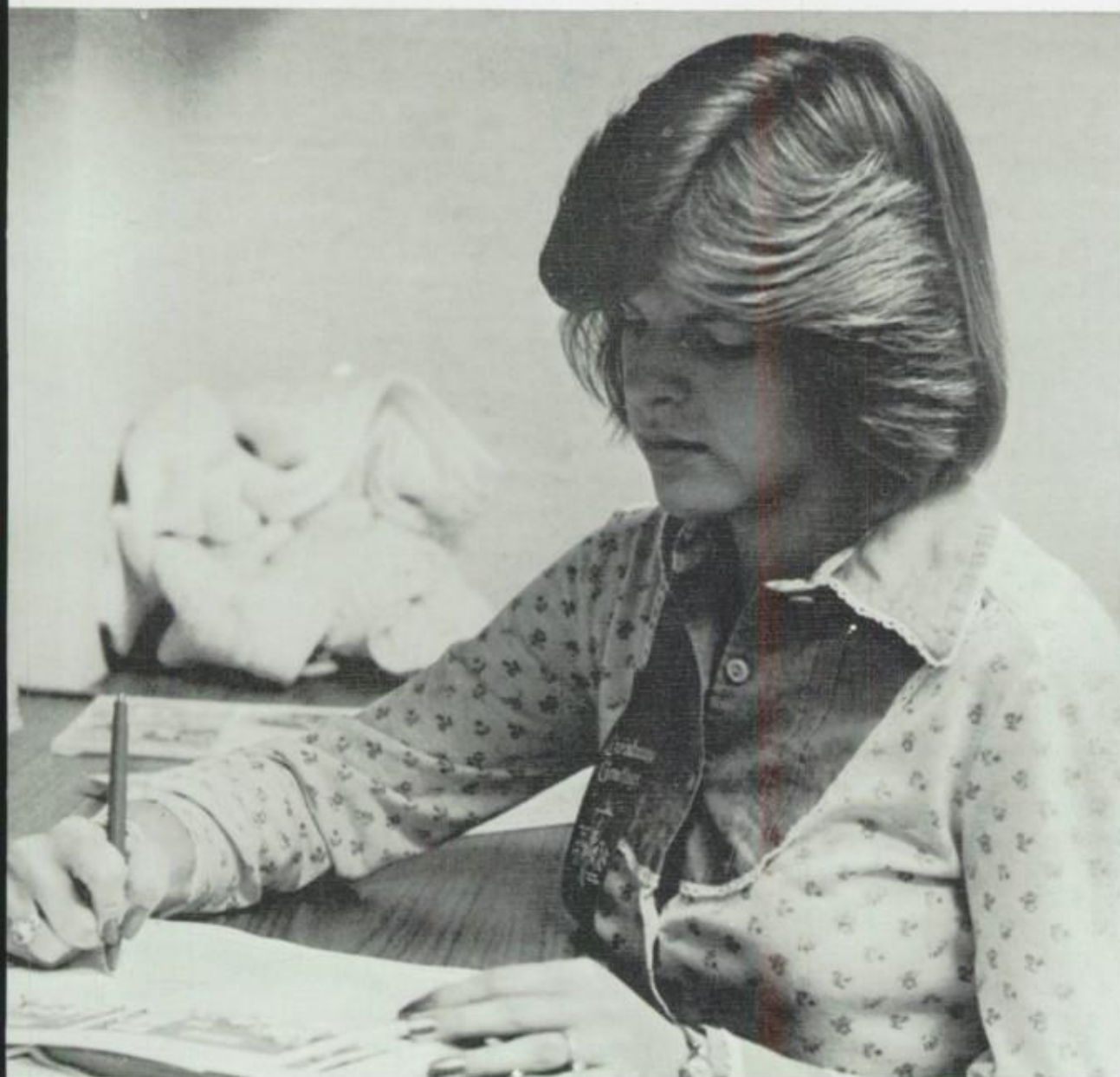
Because of their membership in the Texas Association of Health Occupation Students (TAHOS), HOE students furthered their leadership abilities through competitions held in local, area, state, and national levels. Officers were Pam Maxwell (president), Cindy Harmon (vice-president), Vance Naylor (treasurer), Tammi Smith (secretary), Francis Dunagan (chaplain), and Phyllis Fletcher (sentinel).

Instead of the more elaborate study of health in the medical field, other students found interest in the basics of health in home economics, which Home Economics Cooperative Education (HECE) furnished. HECE expanded the regular home economics classes by offering a work-day program to all students involved. Taking one class period a day, each student worked in individual workbooks and study guides to help them become more familiar with their chosen field.

Helping students assume their roles in society through home economics education was the goal of Home Economics Related Occupations (FHA/HERO) Club. Through the club, all HECE students became involved with the community. Officers were Kim Hamlett (president), Linda Whitworth (first vice-president), Leisa Kearney (second vice-president), Cindy Crawford (third vice-president), Carole Ramey (fourth vice-president), Doug Diener (fifth vice-president), Jenni Carter (secretary), Cindy Walker (treasurer), Melissa Hopson (historian), Tony Gaines (parliamentarian), and Mrs. Sue C. Day (advisor).



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Experiencing — Creativity

"Too often students let themselves become machines, ingesting the information their teachers offer them and then feeding it back, like ticker tape, in the form of rote recitations and answers to examination questions. But a student is no machine when he writes an essay, he is a human being—judging, evaluating, interpreting—expressing not only what he knows but what he is."

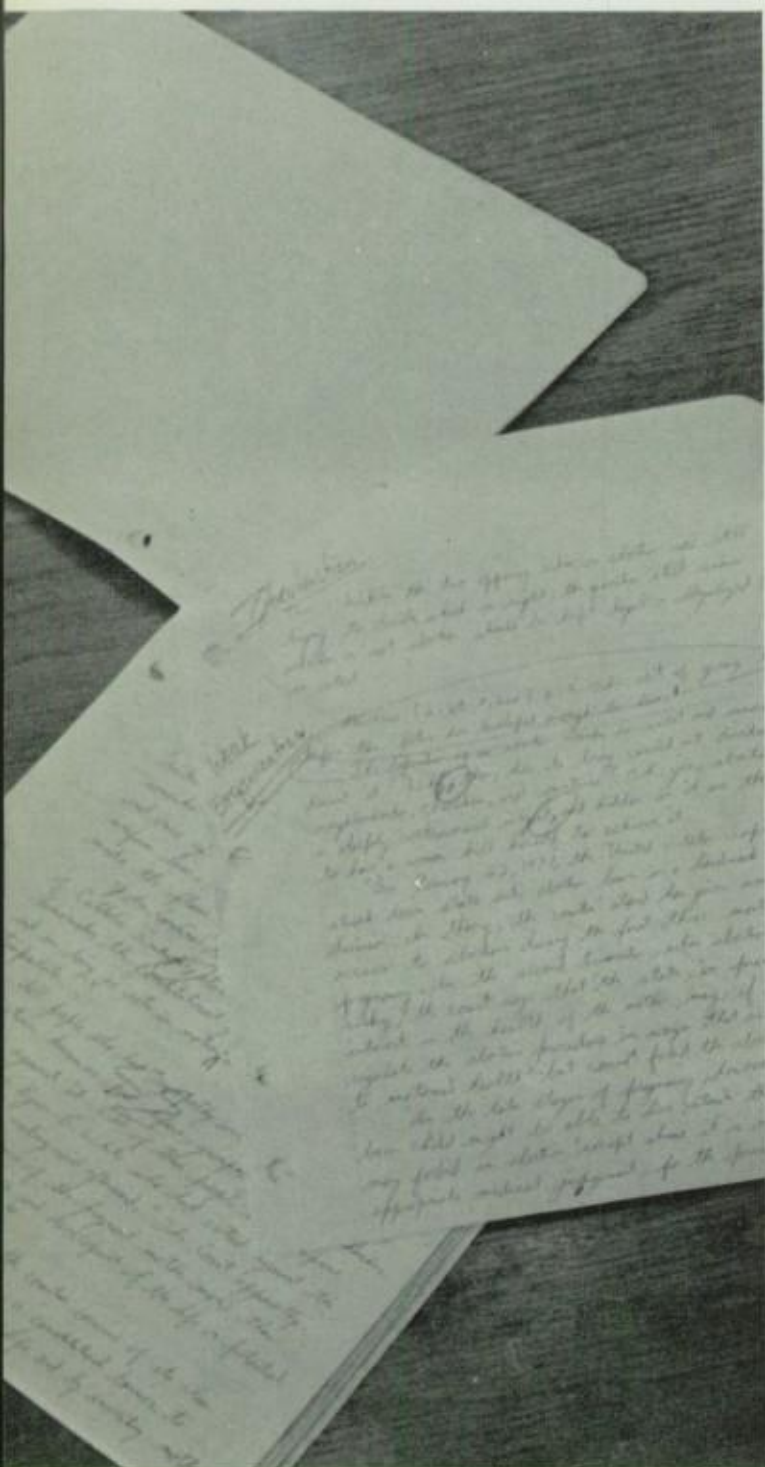
—*The Lively Art of Writing*, Lucile Vaughan Payne.

Through a wide range of courses AHS students were given the opportunity to indeed be. The knowledge gained gave way to a vast expanse of creativity. Woodworking classes explored the beauty and versatility of wood by building from scratch. These projects not only created beauty in the form of a long lasting product but they created pride in the knowledge of personal workmanship. Cosmetology worked with brushes and combs to create fashion masterpieces out of both wigs and human customers.

Capturing the world in paints and pictures were the students of the art and photography classes. Viewing life through a rose-coloured lens, photographers used the precision of cameras to record the happenings, ordinary or not, of the life and activities surrounding them. But their creativity did not end with the click of the camera, for they went on to print and develop their own pictures. The art students, much in the manner of the photographers, used their eyes and imaginations as cameras. They too printed and developed their own pictures, using every medium from splashes of watercolours to the fine line works of India ink.

By thinking in harmony and writing in notes students of the music theory classes created their own songs. From simple tunes to complex harmonies, the songs were creations as concrete and tangible as a piece of pottery.

English and Journalism classes of course stressed the literary form of creativity. Stories, poems, narratives, themes, essays, research papers, and news articles poured from the pens of these students.



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1. Research papers are not always the easiest papers to write and grade.
2. Exploring the art of poetry through songs in *Modern American Poetry and Ballads* are Melinda Moutray and Jeff Hatcher.
3. Carelessly stacked are the instruments of essays, themes and countless stories.
4. For some, English is boring, but taken out of the classroom, it may turn out to be an exciting adventure, as illustrated by Mike McAuliff, Melinda Fox, and Terry Sandefer, stars of "Beowulf," a film which was an English class project.
5. Checking the Church calendar as part of his Bible as Literature class is Don Estes.





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New mini-courses create maxi-classes

Development of language skills (oral, aural, and written), literary appreciation, and insights were the primary goals of the AHS English department.

According to Mrs. Martha Brooks, English Department chairperson, more students were enrolled in the English program than ever thanks to the trimester mini-course system which included courses ranging from the basic grammar and composition skills to Bible as Literature and Literature of the Supernatural.

The English department continued to change and revise its curriculum in order to meet the needs of each and every student at AHS.



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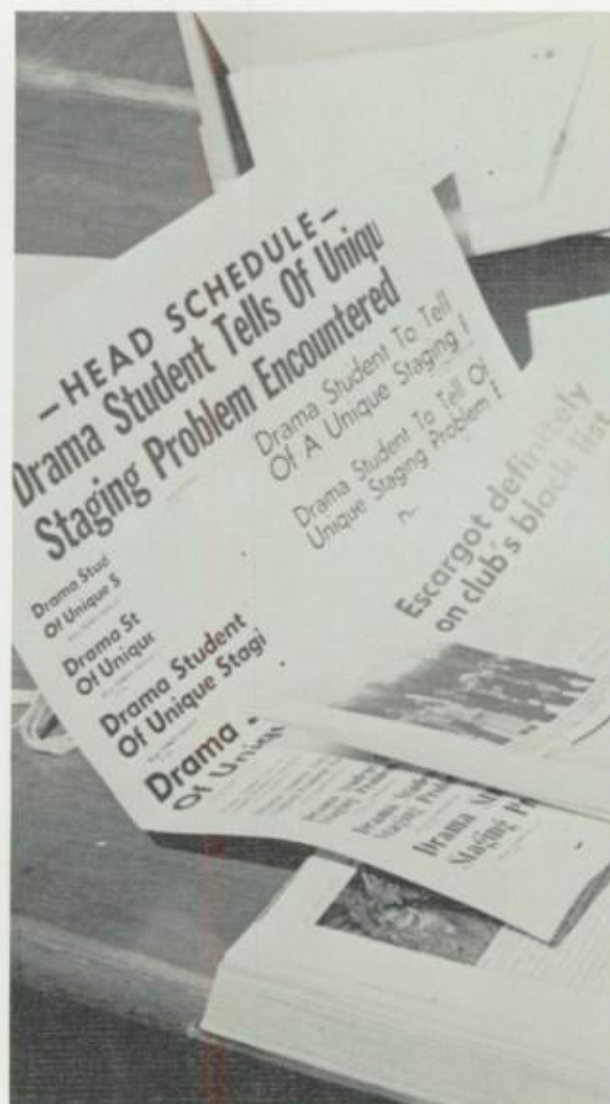


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1. *Aquila* staff members work diligently at the various jobs assigned to them.
1. (inset) **Aquila staff.** FRONT ROW: Cindy Harmon, Chris Gidley, Melissa Hopson, Vickye Hunnicutt, Cindy Bowden, Sue Chaney. BACK ROW: David Smith, Randy Story, Lori Lantz, Scott Mayhall, Mike Redman, John Honey, Albert Bynum, Terry Barr, Vance Smith.
2. Typing a newsstory for a deadline can be tedious as shown by Carla Swindle, co-editor Susie Wood looks on.
3. Choosing a presstype for a headline isn't always the easiest thing in the world.
4. In order to become a good writer one must be able to accept criticisms, as demonstrated by Cindy Harmon while having her writing critiqued by Ms. Pat Burton, *Aquila* sponsor.
5. Assisting one another in finding the perfect story are Mary Helen Seibt and Pam Maxwell.
6. It is frustrating not having film in the camera when needed, as illustrated by Billy Thomason.
7. Obviously shocked by an error in printing, Battery sponsor, Mrs. Marie Yaeger is consoled by co-editors Russell Powers and Susie Wood.
7. (inset) **Battery staff.** FRONT ROW: Pam Maxwell, Gretchen Watson, Carla Swindle. SECOND ROW: Mary Helen Seibt, Kassie Eastburn, Susie Wood. BACK ROW: Billy Thomason, Mike Landry, Charles Jones.
8. Apparently pleased with her work, Sue Chaney takes a break from writing.



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Literary exposition—creativity at work

Keeping the students of AHS on top of what was happening around the school was the main objective of the *Battery*.

In order for the *Battery* to function as an adequate form of communication, staff members were sent on "beats." In other words, they went to the place of action to get their stories. After each story was written, page editors laid out materials for co-editors to proof.

Staff members sold ads to pay for the printing, which was done by Abilene Printing and Stationery. The cost for the paper each year is approximately \$4,000.

Giving students the opportunity to display their creative abilities was the purpose of the *Aquila*.

The *Aquila*, sponsored by Mrs. Pat Burton, was a literary magazine designed by students interested in displaying their works.

The 1977 edition consisted of poetry, prose, photography, and illustrations submitted by 25 students. Randy Story designed the cover.

There was no official staff selected—a different concept from years past—only those interested in actively putting together a literary magazine participated.



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Music composition necessitates theory

Writing a musical composition demands time, patience, and professional know-how in order for it to become a good piece of music, whether it be classical or rhythm and blues.

Starting with the study of Bach and then progressing to actual music composition, Mr. Danny Hood's music theory class was geared to the college-bound student planning to major in music.

A full year course taught on a freshman college level, music theory dealt with the fundamentals of chord spelling, dictation, and the mathematics of music.

This year the class consisted of eight students, all who had some type of background in music which was an important prerequisite for successfully mastering the skills of the course.

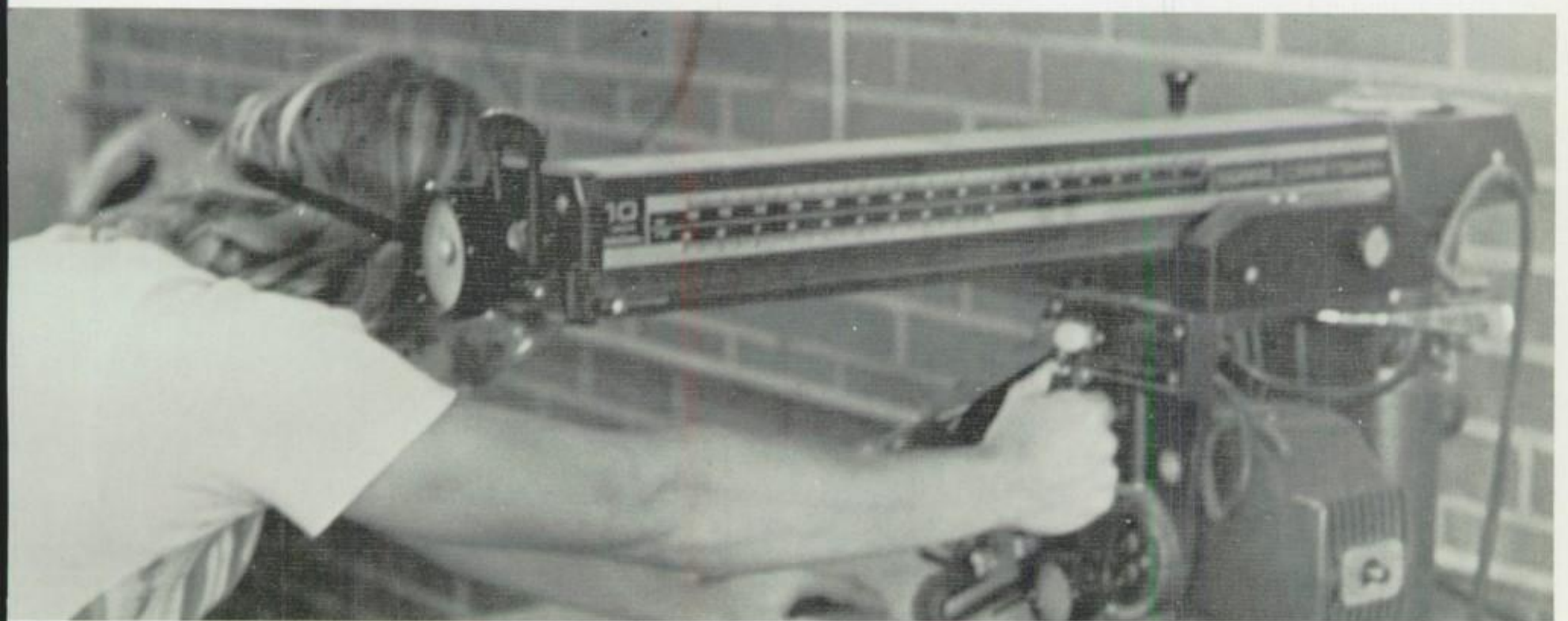


Woodworking offers chance to create

Providing exploratory experiences which gave the student more insight into the motor and creative areas of woodworking was among the many facets of general woodworking.

General woodworking, taught by Mr. Tom Riley, was an introductory course which provided the student with basic instruction and information in the areas of furniture construction, cabinet making, and finishing materials. It also taught students different types of wood, wood products, and the use of hand tools.

Machine woodworking, an advanced course in woodworking, was an in depth study of power machines and equipment. Students also began to develop skills in making larger pieces of furniture, such as wooden recreational equipment, and to grasp the technique of spray finishing.



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1. Creating a musical masterpiece isn't all fun as demonstrated by Mike Dawkins.
2. Working with a circular saw machine, Donny Purvis cuts a piece of wood for a project.
3. With much concentration, Lisa Johnson practices her own composition.
4. Trying to transpose his own music is Scott Thompson. *Taylor*
5. Preparing to complete a project, Tammy Castleberry gets assistance from Mr. Tom Riley.



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1. Patiently coloring in each detail, Mrs. Nancy Noll, one of AHS' art instructors, concentrates on her available positive and negative space.
2. A necklace being her next project, Rhonda Miller flattens out a piece of metal for it.
3. While painting yet another masterpiece, Gala Hall shows the technique of concentration.
4. Taking the temperatures of certain amounts of liquids is part of learning photography Annete Goodwyn finds while Dale Godard waits her turn.
5. After printing and washing his pictures, Ruben Juoso watches them roll out of the drying machine.
6. Caught in a moment of giggles, Mary Beth Chalk is temporarily drawn away from her sketching.
7. Clipping a piece of metal to make it the right size, Pat Edwards calmly works among his classmates.





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Art, photography included in fine arts

Exploring one division of the fine arts, art and photography students appealed to onlookers' aesthetic tastes by capturing moments on film and easels.

Mrs. Nancy Noll and Mrs. Carolyn Presswood instructed in art. Mrs. Noll held a four-year art teaching position at Abilene High and explained what the students learned in her class.

"They were taught how to use equipment and the principles of design. Also they learned techniques such as pen and ink, construction, painting, positive and negative space, and formal and informal balance."

"Some of my former students have carried on a lot of the things that they learned to help them with their chosen careers," she continued.

She also said she hoped her enthusiasm and enjoyment of art rubbed off on her students.

As for the photographic side, Miss Mildred Stokes, a veteran of the photography and mass communications world, explained a few points about her class.

It really had two purposes. One was to create an atmosphere so that a vocationally-minded student could obtain an understanding of what his career would be like. The other purpose was to show photography from a creative art viewpoint.

Miss Stokes has only taught a first year course in photography, but she looks forward hopefully to teaching a second year course. This course would include working with color pictures and learning special effects on an individual basis.

However hard these classes were, the students taking art and the ones taking photography probably experienced the hardest job of all—the forming of something concrete from the abstract depths of their own souls.



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1. To achieve a different look, Mrs. Mann is styled to her liking by Terry Christianson as Mike McMann, her son, looks on.

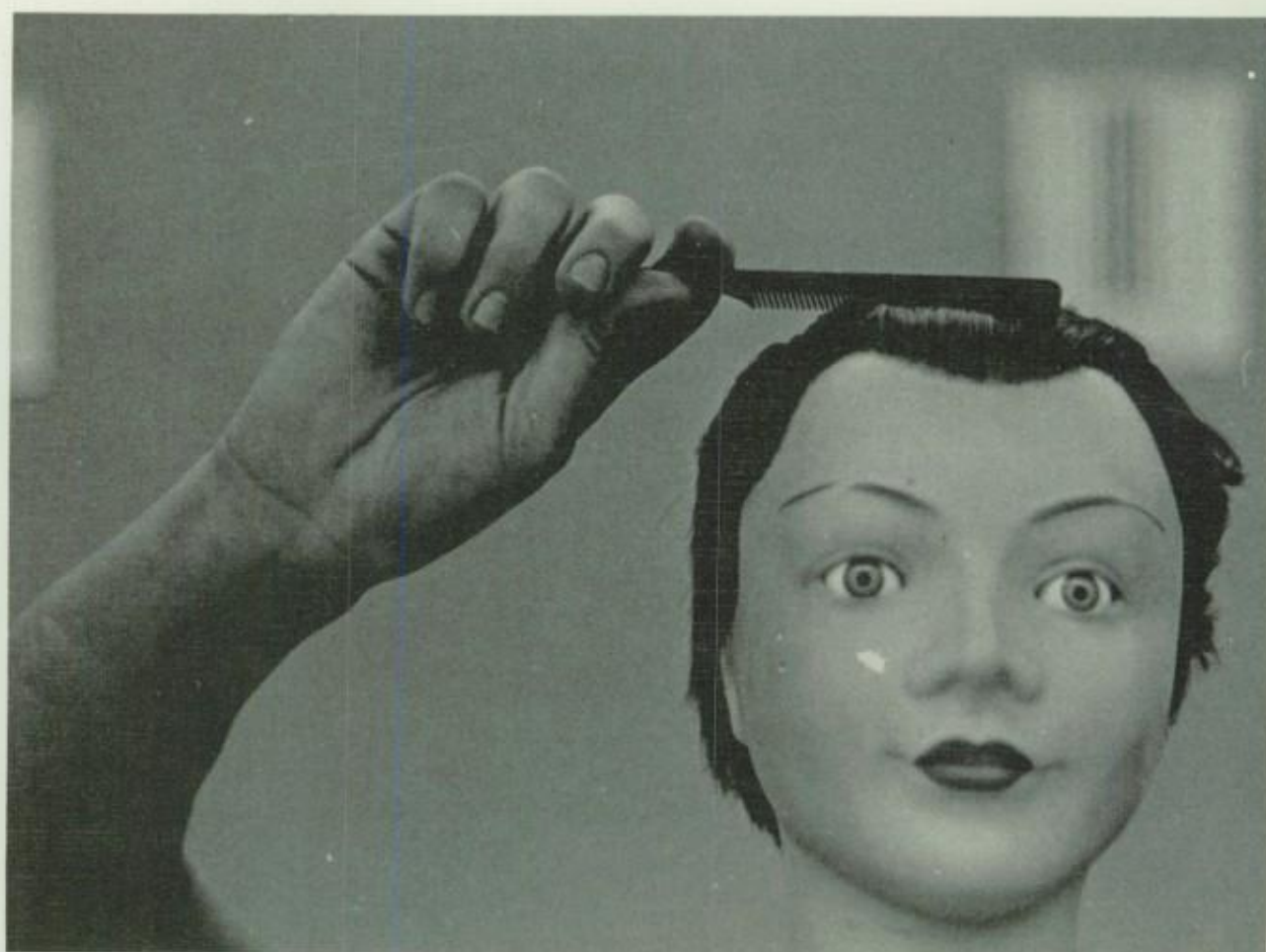
2. Cosmetology girls find time in busy schedules to have a little fun with wig heads.

3. Even members of the faculty enjoy the convenience of an "on campus beauty parlor" as shown by Mrs. Nancy Noll who is having her hair washed by senior cosmetology student Darlene Crawford.

4. Styling hair to perfection can be very time-consuming Mary Dean finds as she rolls a customer's hair.

5. Looking beautiful is not only for grown-up ladies as little Lydia Brubaker, daughter of Mr. Martin Brubaker, proves while visiting the cosmetology beauty shop.

6. Taking advantage of the cosmetology facilities, Mrs. Sally Reasor achieves a new look by having her hair frosted by senior cosmetology student Terry Johnson.



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Ambitious girls master beauty skills in cosmetology class

Becoming licensed beauticians and creators of gorgeous heads of hair was the primary goal of each individual taking cosmetology.

Cosmetology, starting in the junior year and continuing through the senior year, was a three-hour course which prepared students for the wonderful world of beautification.

During the first year students learned different skills such as washing and styling hair, giving manicures, and the art of applying make-up.

As seniors, students were exposed to the "beauty shop" atmosphere by styling hair for little or no charge and preparing for the state board exam.

According to Mrs. Willeen Roberts, instructor, 21 girls completed the required 1500 hours of Cosmetology, and took the exam May 10 in Austin.

Members of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), cosmetology students competed in the skills and leadership contest.

For the eighth year straight, participants in the contest won the leadership division, therefore qualifying for the state finals held in Odessa in April.



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EXPERIENCING · RESOURCES

We experienced resources in extremely varied ways—libraries, A. V. equipment, resource programs, reading programs. Discovering captured wisdom from past ages could be considered the fundamental reason for relying on resources. With the exception of the last century, the written word has been our only resource for recording events, other than word of mouth, and the greatest scholars of the past put much emphasis on the art of writing.

During the past one hundred years, the slow process of writing and reading books has been sped up by the vast improvements on printing machines and education. Learning has always been the most sought after achievement for many. Every person of great achievement and every person of small has a great capacity to learn, although not all of them have had the opportunity.

Through libraries, which contain every source of knowledge known to us, we experienced resources. Magazines, newspapers, essays, novels, short stories, radio, films, and television were all vital parts in the securing of our resources. Literature, science, history, and mathematics were the basis for all our material and they were always being expanded.

Unfortunately, the term resources became related to the term basics. This was not true, but some of us relied more heavily on resources than the rest. Although we did not have the same capacity to learn, we all had some capacity. Working at our own paces, we set our own individual goals and we all reached our own achievements. To be able to comprehend our resources we had to be taught how to learn. Everyone strove for his own accomplishments, and most experienced failure.

Undoubtedly, we all could not feel the same about what was happening around us, but everyone realized that no matter what happened, we all had our past and the past experiences of everyone who came before us to fall back on—resources.



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1. Increasing his reading skill, Richard Rangel uses the SRA controlled reader during classtime in room 201B.

2. Searching for a specific article student worker Pam Smith, finds that her work involves more than sitting behind the periodical desk checking out magazines.

3. Finding that the microfiche can be helpful for gathering reliable information, Sonny Rios explores a 1969 issue of Time magazine.

4. With great anticipation, Byron Roberts, Dana Mayhall, and Michael Nelson wait in line as Robert Loza discovers new material acquired by the library during the summer.





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Library, communication skills laboratory help students, teachers expand minds

Keeping in tune with the times and the changes it brought, the AHS library made quite a few alterations in its appearance as well as in its organization. These modifications included the check-out policy where students had to present their I. D. cards.

New books, more filmstrips, and as an added attraction, more audio-visual material, such as the microfiche viewer, were available for both students and teachers through the library. There was also a new listening and viewing center so that students would be able to use some of these materials in the library as well as in the classroom.

To provide beauty and a pleasant, more earthy atmosphere, macrame wall hangings and plants were placed in several areas of the library.

Along with head librarian, Mrs. Dorothy Sherman, two assistants, Mrs. Carol Hamner and Mrs. Vivian Thorton, plus the many student workers helped to maintain the efficiency of the library.

Increasing basic communication skills in another way was the goal of a special class set up in the smaller partitioned section of room 201. Mrs. Bette Rapson and Mrs. Anne Herman helped any student recommended to them by an English teacher.

These students needed improvement in their reading and decided that this class was a good way to start. In addition to increasing their reading speed they also began improving their reading comprehension.

Because of the great amount of practice, these students had to develop a lot of individual motivation. This class, which took the place of their regular English class from four to six weeks, involved short one-day lessons on use of phonetics, dictionary, vocabulary, and newspaper. It also developed test taking skills and good answers to essay questions. In addition, students were allowed ten minutes of free reading at the start of each class.



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Students interested in AV resources

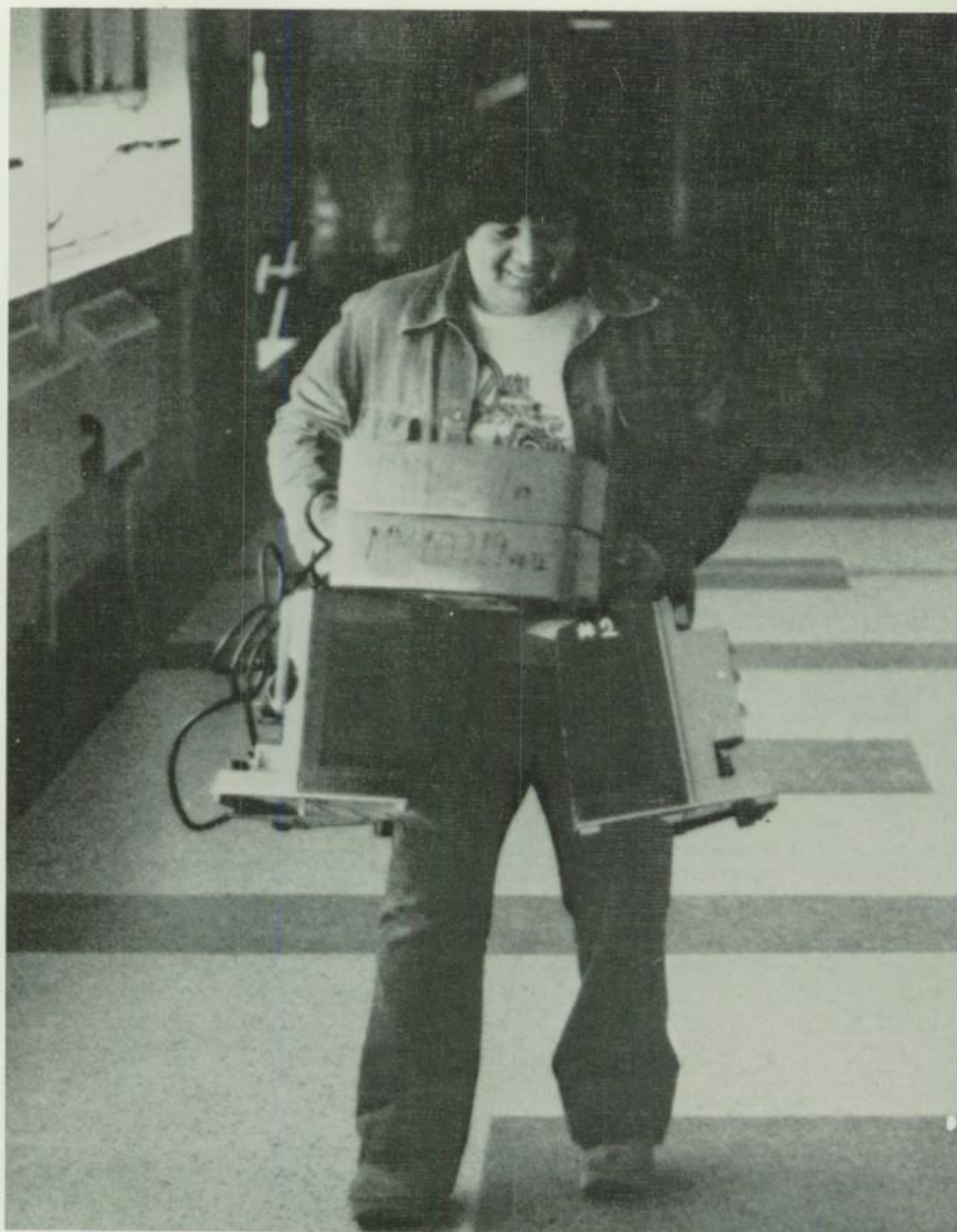
Remember the last movie you saw in your class? To get that film, there was a lot of behind-the-scenes teaching. Each and every audio-visual student, approximately 126, had to be taught how to run and checkout television, film projector copy cassette machines, and tape recorders. They also learned how to run the school's P. A. system and how to rewind and splice films.

The skilled instructor was Mrs. Susanne Chalcraft, who has taught all aspects of audio-visual at Abilene High for eleven years.



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1. Trying not to get tangled up, Randy Friend loads a projector in the AV room.
2. AV can become a heavy load Leandro Palacios finds out as he distributes projectors and films.
3. Slide viewers and cassettes help Monte Oates study.
4. Concentration is the key Curtis Francis finds as he threads a projector in Mrs. Vickie Cook's classroom.
5. Preparing lessons for the next day's activities keeps Mr. Bill Yarbrough busy after school.
6. Receiving help from Mr. Yarbrough is one asset to small classes as Debra Austin, Karen Kent, and Tammi Barr discover.



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Resource teaches students work skills

Is work actually a drudgery? To 60 students that were enrolled in a special program here it didn't seem to be. They were involved in a resource program which included functional living curriculum and off-campus training.

Mr. Bill Yarbrough and Mrs. Mary Castleberry combined their eight years of experience to teach this course. This was Mr. Yarbrough's fourth year of teaching it and Mrs. Castleberry's first at Abilene High. She formerly taught in the resource program in Houston.

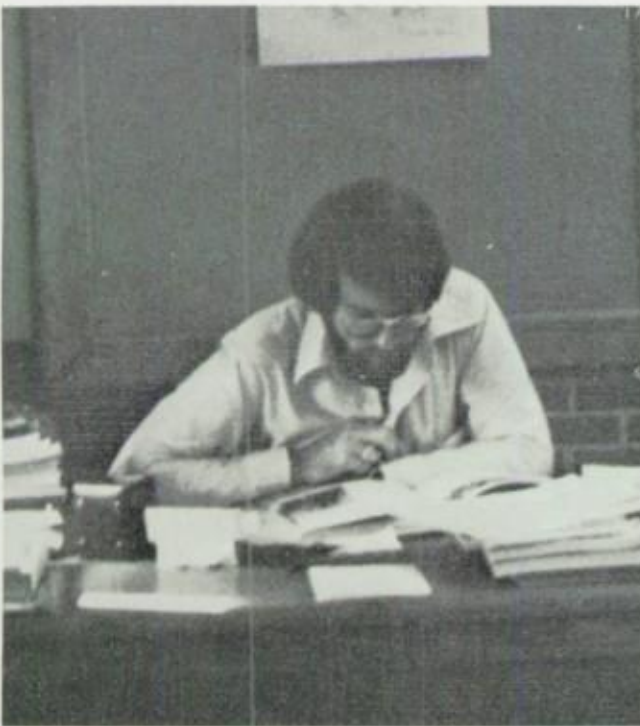
It was in room V-7 that the resource program took place. For three periods of the day, classes were held covering history, science, government, math, and English. The students were graded on their own individual achievements, working out of special packets at their own paces. In effect, they were competing against themselves to learn. On some days, students visited businesses and learned how they functioned.

For the other half of the day, the students were involved in a functional living course and off-campus training. The students worked at businesses such as the Starlight and Royal Inns, Mack Eplens, Hendrick's Hospital, and several child-care centers. They worked for experience their sophomore and junior years, but it was only during their senior year that they received pay. They were also given school credits for working.

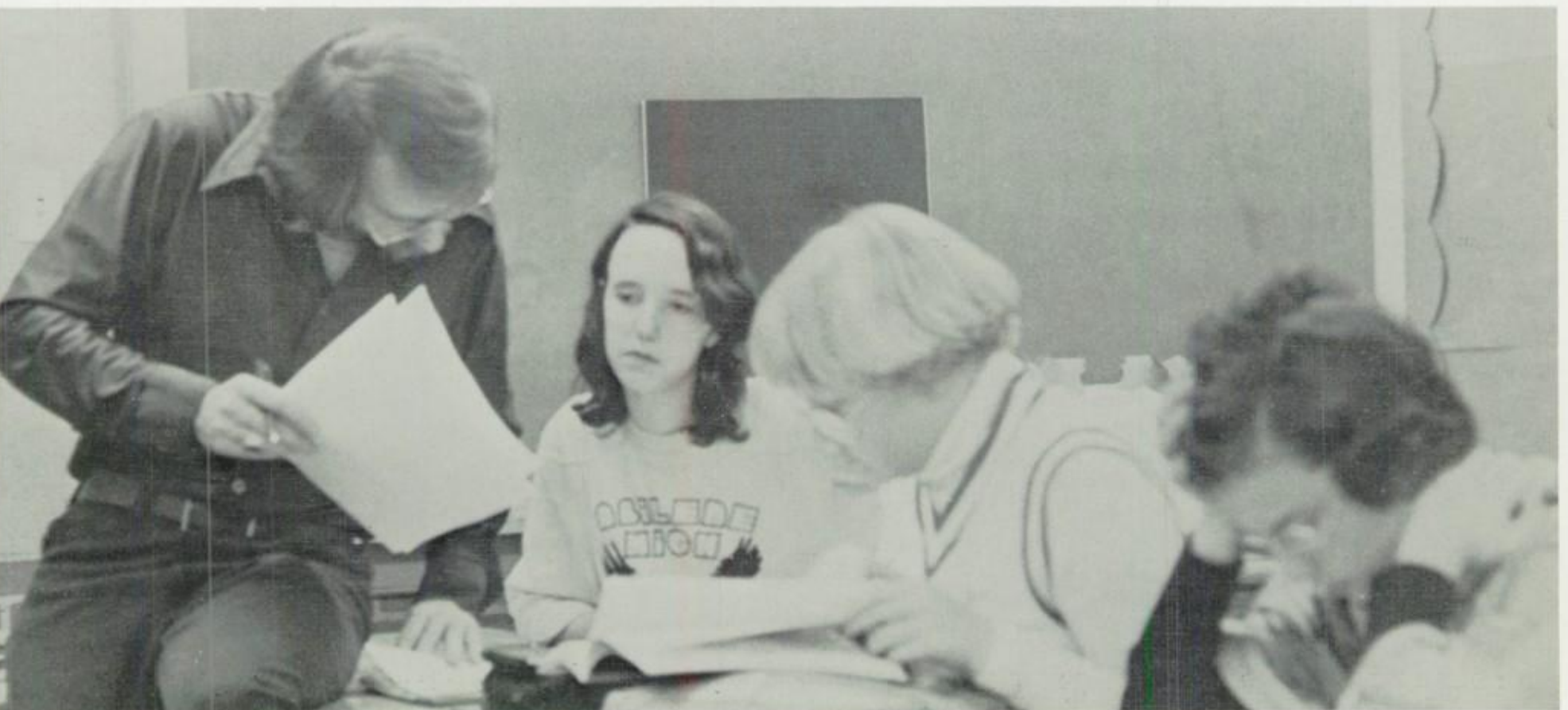
Asked if the program had turned out as expected, Mr. Yarbrough commented, "Yes, I think so. Of course it had complications, like bus schedules, but it turned out all right."

He also stated that he liked teaching it because it was challenging.

In future years, the four year old resource program and the new functional living course will be carried on and expanded. There will be more students participating and more businesses involved.



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experiencing — culture

There is one thing in this world that cannot ever be dismissed or ignored. This thing has been around for thousands and thousands of centuries and will be around for thousands upon thousands of future generations. It has been experienced by every human being and animal ever created. Students at AHS have had it every day of their lives, and it won't ever be forgotten or unwanted. It has broken and made nations, created wars, and ended friendships. What is this thing? Why, it's culture.

Culture was experienced in all different aspects. We experienced it when we went to church every Sunday, when we voted, when we answered the phone, celebrated national and religious holidays, and even when we said a word.

Each city, county, state, and country has a distinct culture of its own. For example, a person saying "y'all" in the southern United States is accepted without a second thought, while if he says it in the North, he will be ridiculed or jokingly referred to as a "Rebel." Society's advances changed cultures and us.

Culture was taught at AHS in the form of classes, general knowledge, and groups. Some of the classes taught here informed students of history, geography, psychology, sociology, foreign languages, not to mention an interesting class called humanities which was a combination of American history and literature.

Another way AHS students experienced culture was by exchanging students with other high schools by way of the Exchange Club. Students traveled to Washington, D. C. in April to do just that. They were fortunate to be able to see the ideas of a peaceful nation's culture being carried on after hundreds of years of building and changing.

Probably one of the best ways to learn about a culture was to learn to speak another's language. This was achieved by taking one of the four different foreign language courses.

1. The Latin Club officers this year are Frances Dunagan, Greg Solomon, and Linda Cook acting as president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

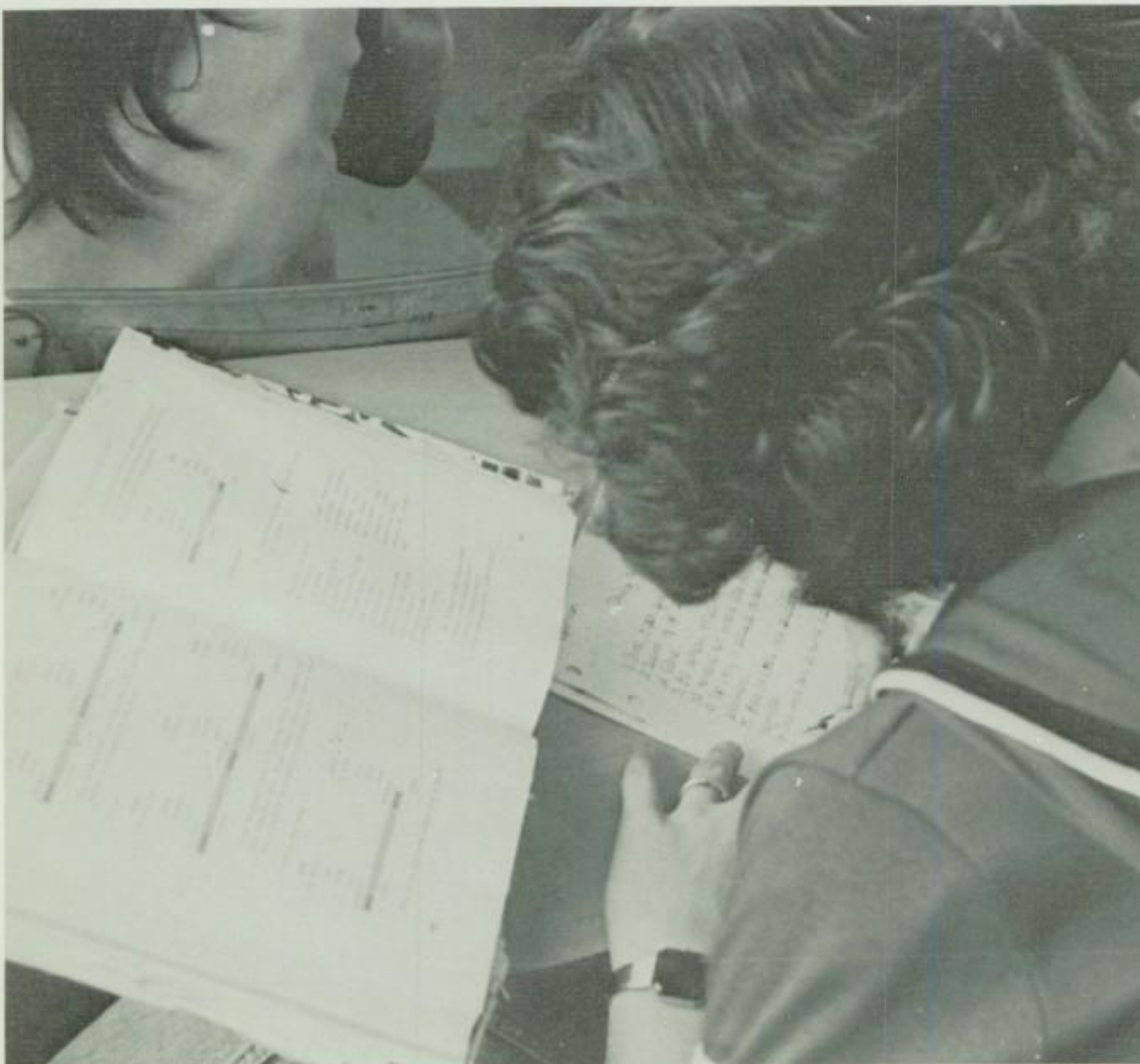
2. Working out of the text, Laura Glenn illustrates, is of utmost importance if a foreign language is to be learned.

3. A plate of sauerkraut hits the right spot for James Pliml and Mike Green after performing in a German Club play.

3. (picture inset) **German Club:** FRONT ROW: Edith Ferguson, Rosemary Bielfeldt, Cindy Crawford, James Pliml, Mike Green. BACK ROW: Lucy Mogness, Cheryl Schmittou, Becky Sutton, Karen Young, Joyce Lopez, Julie Jacobson.

4. Pausing for their last picture before departure to Paris, France are French students Cindy Guy, Pam Peterson, Miss Sherry Hansen (sponsor), Donna Cook, and Randy Phipps.

4. (picture inset) **French Club:** FRONT ROW: Angie Haggerton, Karen Knight, Lezlie Barber, Jill High, Karen Young. BACK ROW: Miss Sherry Hansen (sponsor), Peggy Snow, Judy Kolly Rhonda Miller, Ingrid Weaver, Maria Watson, Stuart Johnson, Pam Peterson, Candy Thweatt.





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Foreign languages are work, fun combined

When a student marked on his enrollment card a class called French, Spanish, Latin, or German, he had not only enrolled in a class to learn to speak that language, but also to read it, write it, learn its people's culture and help him better himself in English. This was accomplished by using audio-visual techniques, lectures, books, word games, doing native dances, and acting out holiday customs.

Not only did the language classes have this to offer, but also three of these classes had clubs. These clubs held parties, competed in Sing Song, produced plays, and had an overall good time.

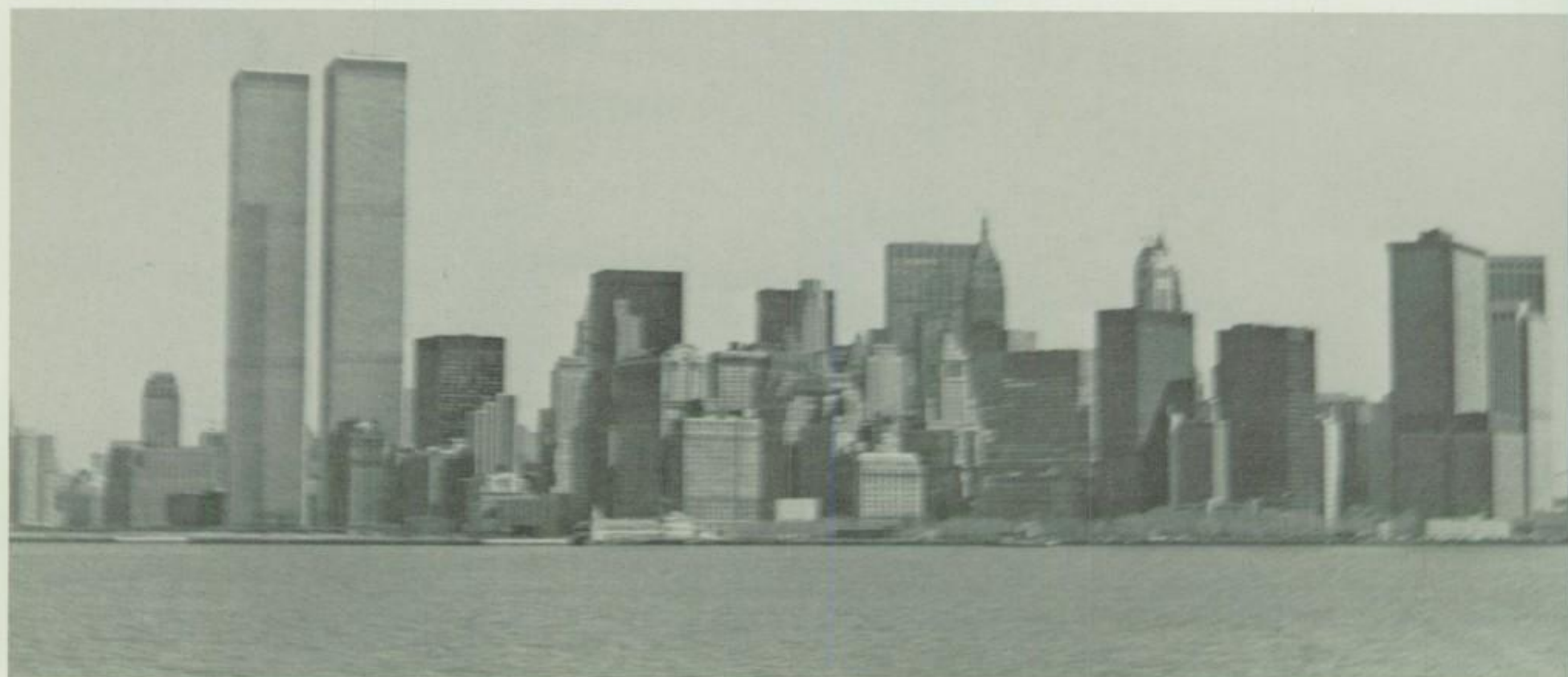
The four language teachers, Miss Sherry Hansen, Mrs. Maria Griffith, Miss Lynda Collins, and Mrs. Debbie Bly, who taught French, German, Spanish, and Latin, respectively, all agreed that foreign language helped students understand and appreciate other countries and their customs. For instance, approximately 55% of the words in the English language are derived from Latin words. Thus, although it is a dead language in the sense that it is not a nationally-spoken language, it is still very much alive in its use in medicine, law and such. They all also agreed that teaching another language was very challenging and exciting.



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1. After a quick tour of Philadelphia, Jeff Iorg, Laverne James, and Beverly Jones find time to eat.
2. Standing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial are the members of the **Exchange Club**. **FRONT ROW:** Debra La Pour, Molly Sue Dawson, Tami Smith, Karen Hood, Melinda Moutray, Ms. Barbara Black (sponsor). **SECOND ROW:** Cheryl Smittou, Sam Box, Lisa Tood, Rhonda Fair, Mary Beth Mitchell. **THIRD ROW:** Mr. Lynn Nichols (sponsor), Gaye Greever, Tim Crowe, Robin Marsh (vice-president), Laverne James, Terry McClean. **BACK ROW:** Jeff Iorg, Kim Jerige (treasurer), Rob Skinner, Beverly Jones, Terry Sandefur, Bill Dawley, Caryl McGlothlin (president), Mark Love.
3. While visiting Philadelphia, Terry Sandefur, Tami Smith, Karen Hood, Molly Dawson, Melinda Moutray, Rob Skinner, and Kim Jerige sit in front of a national treasure, the Liberty Bell.
4. Chugging across the New York Harbor on a ferryboat headed to the Statue of Liberty, exchangees see the skyline of Manhattan.
5. "Up and away Junior Birdmen . . ." chorus those left awake on the bus to Virginia.
6. Serving time in Jamestown, Caryl McGlothlin and Mark Love get a taste of what it was like when our country was first settled.





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Long letters home mark exchange trip

Sally,

Hello! How's life in Abilene? We're on our way to D. C. from New York and life here is really swinging!!

New York was so *exciting*! We arrived at the New York airport safely, and after a few mix-ups with the buses, we headed for the hotel. Our driver was ace at being able to make 90 degree turns with taxis coming from every direction! But we were delivered to the front of our hotel, the Century-Paramount, which was only a half block away from *the* one Time Square!

Talk about exhilarating! The first night after we walked to Rockefeller Center and the Empire State Building—all 25 of us got in one elevator. The second day out, we walked (or should I be more accurate and say RAN) to the subway. We rode it to Liberty Park which is where we got on board a ferryboat that took us out to the Statue of Liberty. The ride out there was fantastic! The sight of the New York skyline made everyone wonder if we were really in New York! The journey up to the top of the statue was—what else?—exhausting.

After the statue we went to Wall Street where we saw the American Stock Exchange. Now that our learning process was through, we went to Sak's and Macy's.

That night we went to Radio City Music Hall. It was spectacular! Afterwards, we went to this fabulous Italian restaurant, Mama Leoni's—wow, did we eat!

Our third day we took a tour, via bus, of the city. It was real. That night we went to a Broadway musical, "Your Arms Are Too Short To Box With God." Sound wild? It was!

Sunday morning, we left New York and went to Philadelphia for a few hours. It was a nice place to visit. Anyway, we're on our way to Washington, where we'll be staying at the Hotel Edison. In D. C. we're supposed to see all the monuments, as well as the White House and the Capitol.

After Washington we're going to Mount Vernon, Jamestown, then on to Williamsburg. There is supposed to be a dance for us there.

I've learned two things for sure—don't sing in monuments, and don't forget to buy a T-shirt. Anyway, I'll be home next Friday and and if you see anybody say "Hi!" for me. Also, give my love to my Mom, Andrew, and Randy.

Love,
Kim

Psychology, history, humanities, sociology, all linked together in understanding life

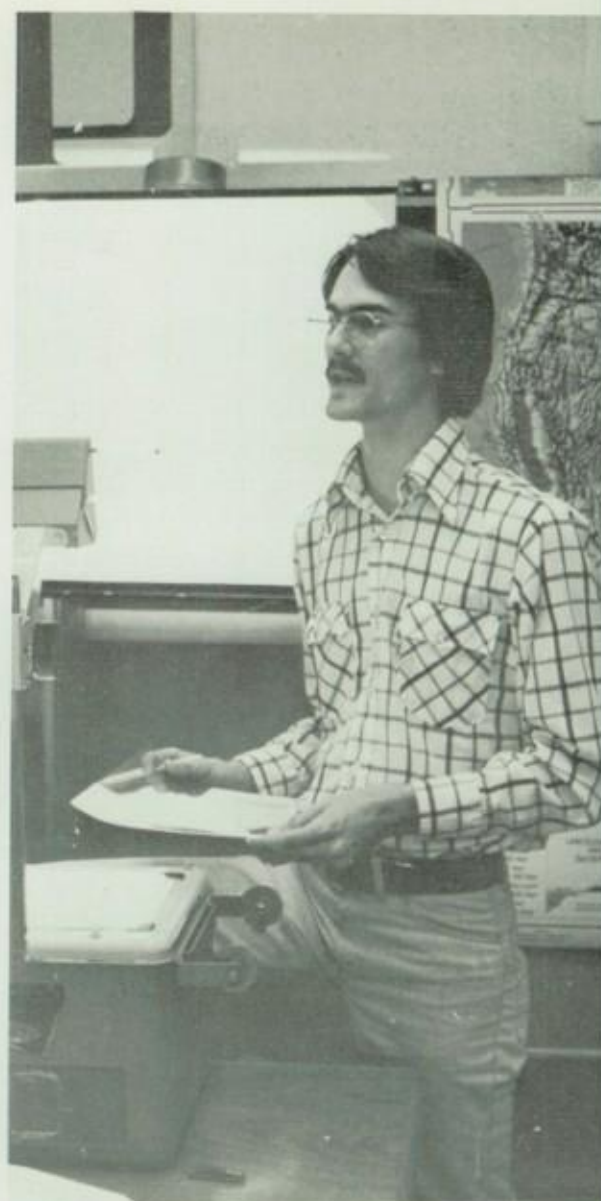
Average height and build. Average brown hair and blue jeans. Average, average, average!! What exactly is average? Certainly not a person—any psychologist knows that.

And that was part of what the psychology and sociology courses were about.

Mr. Steve Perkins, teaching his first year, examined all aspects of psychology and sociology in his classes in four different categories: introduction to both sociology and psychology, abnormal psychology, and urban sociology. While psychology and sociology dealt with the more present workings of man, history took a look at the past.

Some people have said that history is the key to man's ways. If this is true, then Mr. Jaryl Young knew quite a bit—he was the head of the history department and had been for five years. The history classes at AHS included three world history and geography courses, the required government courses, and many interesting and different American history mini-courses that students could choose from to fulfill their three-trimester American history requirement. These classes had one overall objective—to get students to better understand and know the United States and its citizens and to make them into worthwhile citizens.

A second-year course, humanities, a cross between American history and literature, taught by Mr. Wes Odell and Mrs. Nell Macon, was offered for the second time this year by invitation only. Students had to meet academic requirements and be approved by counselor and teacher. The class was described by Mr. Odell as "a study program fusing American history and American literature with a related concentration on art, drama, and music." The two-hour block course taught the settlement and exploration of the West, electric life, and contemporary American values.



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1. Answering one of several questions put to him, Mr. Steve Perkins prepares an overhead projector for notes in psychology.

2. An inquisitive humanities class puts forth questions to one of the many guests that came to speak.

3. One of the requirements for humanities is to interview a senior citizen for an article in the Shinnery Catalogue, as Randy Ross demonstrates here with Mrs. Short.

4. While cramming for history finals, David Ross pauses momentarily to glance through a book for information on the Civil War.



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experiencing - technology

Why is it when technology and its aspects are thought of, that people either think of brains with owl glasses on that have super-scientific ideas or of a grubby, greasy, dirt-under-the-fingernails worker?

Technology is indeed an experience that can be felt by just looking. Planes, rockets, lawn mowers, water hoses, and even balloons are products of technology. Because of motivated people, ideas have come forth that ease the problems in everyday life. Cited are these two extremes. In auto mechanics students repaired mechanical malfunctions. The contribution of vocations as that of auto mechanics was essential to our thriving economy.

In data processing, students learned to operate and care for computers. These same computers, in everyday life, solved needed problems in a matter of seconds whereas a human would have to slave many hours to compute the same results. Also information can be stored in computers that can be brought back when needed. Other classes at AHS that experienced technology were machine shop, refrigerator and air conditioning repair, and typing. It was easy to see in what respect each of these fields helped society run proficiently.

When a chair or some other piece of furniture needed fixing, people went to wood-working. When a bolt needed to be cut to a proper size, a trip to the machine shop yielded the answer. When the summer heat was no longer bearable and the refrigerator or air conditioner ran down it might have been wise to get it repaired. This could be achieved by taking the instrument to air conditioning and repair shop. When a research paper that was forty pages long was assigned, what was the quickest way to get it written? Why, with a typewriter of course.

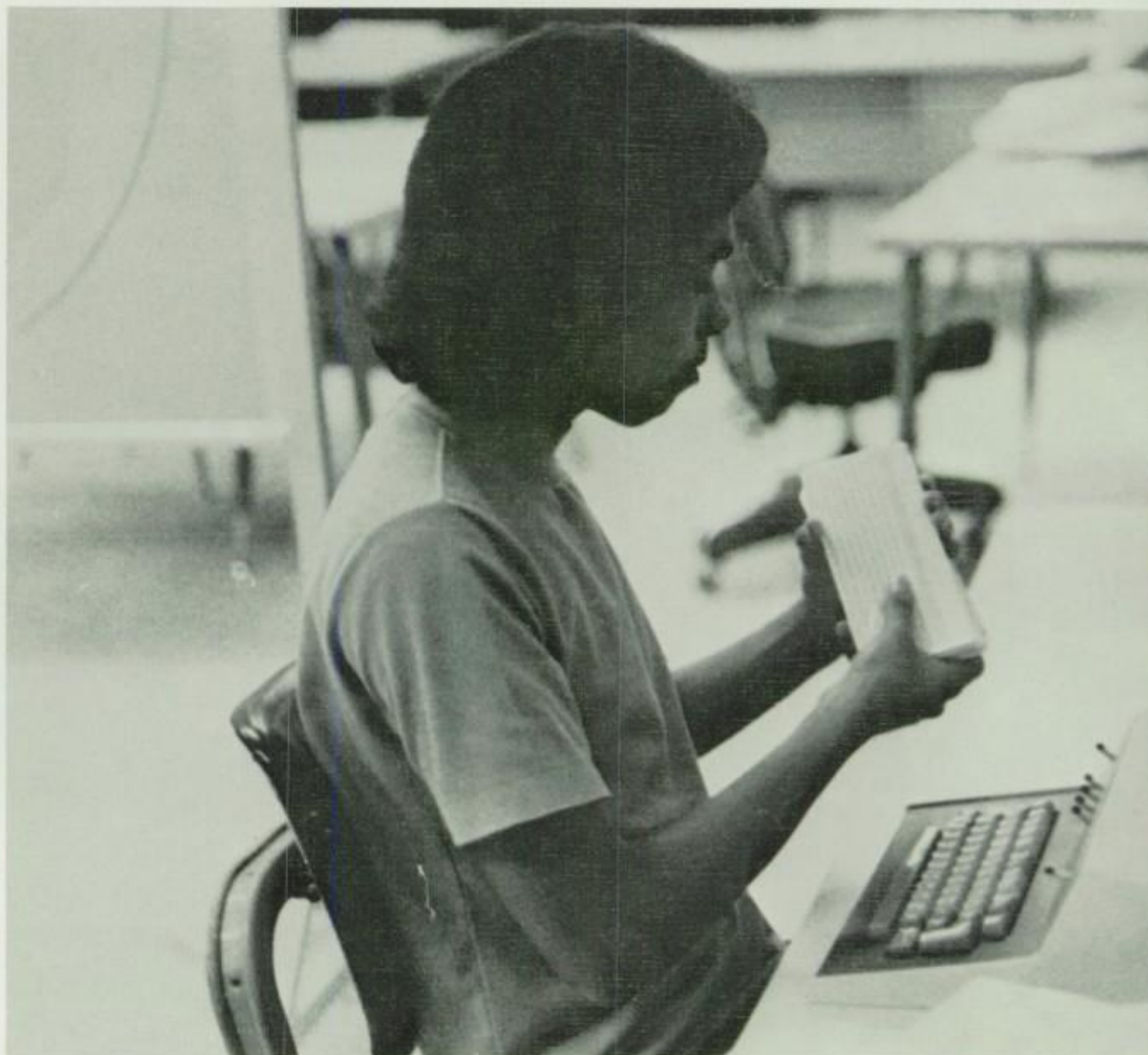
How did these courses better improve a student's thinking and reasoning abilities? The answer to this was that a study of any of these courses was the same as a study in the ways of man. He will be tested on it in the years to come in one way or another. Technology is defined in the dictionary as any practical art utilizing scientific knowledge, but upon graduating from one or more of these classes, which were open to anyone, students had a really sound basis on which to build further knowledge.

TECHNOLOGY—It was a part of all of us.

1. Although typing a computer program can be long and tedious, Vickie Lee still manages a smile.
2. Watching the computer readout, Gary Gragg finds an amusing mistake.
3. Getting ready to feed the computer information, Robert Loza must punch his code cards.
4. Before the face of the readout computer clears, Greg Smith examines the answer.



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Class scene similar to space odyssey

What was it? What could it be? It was a scene right out of *Space Odyssey*. As I walked into room V-13 I was engulfed by the clicking and whirring of computers. Buttons were being punched, cards coded, and a game of *Star Trek* was being played. Amazed at all these wonders I stammered, "Take me to your leader."

One of the beings grabbed me by the hand and pulled me into an adjoining room. Here sat more beings studying and lo and behold, the leader was sitting at his desk. As I staggered over to him, he told me his name was Mr. Fred Stirman and that he had taught data processing at AHS for nine years.

As my heartbeat diminished from the now 160 beats a minute to normal, he informed me of what the students learned. From as much as I could translate, I found out that they learned to operate and write programs for a computer with secret little codes called COBOL or maniac writing. Besides actual working experience, they also learned the development of the computer over the last 30 years. I was even informed that one of the beings, Robert Grabowski won fourth place in state in computer writing.

As we said our good-byes, and I came back to my own people, I silently marveled at these strange beings with their metallic toys and vowed to never forget them.

Job hunt simpler after auto mechanics, machine shop toil

Students at AHS had the chance to enroll in several vocational trades classes this year.

Two of these classes were auto mechanics and machine shop, taught by Mr. Travis Smith and Mr. George Credicott, respectively. In auto mechanics the students had the opportunity to learn anything that pertained to the mechanical part of the auto and all the phases of automotive repair and service.

Also on campus was the machine shop class in room V-6. Here some students were given the knowledge to become machinists after they graduated. Mr. Credicott believed the course helped the students in developing manipulative skills and citizenship. Both Mr. Credicott and Mr. Smith agreed that finding jobs wouldn't be hard in either of the fields provided the students were indeed interested after graduation.



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1. While making a T-bolt in machine shop, Randy Humprey watches attentively for the correct formation to occur.

2. Correcting a malfunction in a car's engine gives Kerry Maddocks and Curtis Chevie grease under their fingernails.

3. With loose parts needing to be tightened under a car, Duffy steadily goes about his jobs in the auto mechanics class.

4. Getting right down to the heart of things, this machine shop spinning wheel cuts slowly into a bolt to make it the right size.

5. Looking like an outer space being, an unidentified student wears his protective visor to hide his face from the sparks and eyestrain of the cutting torch.

6. Satisfied, Albert Rodriguez watches the huge cutting machine slice a cube to the proper portions.

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1. Showing the proper technique for the eye of the camera, Terry Young completes his assignment.
2. Classroom work is what typing is all about as these students illustrate.
3. During this timed test, Jill Middleton doesn't have time to stop and examine her paper.
4. Winning a second place award in UH competition is what Anne Stephenson is smiling about.
5. Mistakes need to be corrected as Paul Ellis finds out the hard way.



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Typing rat-a-tat-tat not target practice

On some days at AHS it sounded like a machine gun shooting class was being held on the first floor in or around room 120, but upon closer examination, it was found out to be only a typing class or two being conducted by one of four ladies. They were Mrs. Percy Darwin, Mrs. Peggy Crouch, Miss Jozell Brister, and Mrs. Kay Taylor.

In these classes students were taught how to type business letters, tables, and manuscripts after mastering the keyboard. Other related things such as typewriter maintenance and care were taught also. Indirectly the students learned business attitudes, neatness, and concern for supplies.

Occupational fields after graduating were jobs such as secretarial work, computer and data processing, and other office work.



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Working is learning, and it pays off

Welding, soldering, plumbing, and electrical work—if the average person studied these trades three hours a day, five days a week for three years he just might be able to work on refrigeration and air conditioning units as well as the students who put in that same amount of time in the refrigeration and air conditioning classes taught by Mr.

Robert Davis.

The students in this class were involved in learning basic refrigeration knowledge and, in the process, worked on electrical controls, air conditioning units, refrigerators, and just about anything that had to do with air cooling. The students chalked up working experience by fixing Taylor Elementary School's air conditioning system and correcting malfunctions in our own cafeteria's refrigerators. They also repaired refrigerators for

people who brought them in from their homes.

The class also had a club organized and run by Paul Harless (president) Abe Martinez (vice-president) Eddie King (treasurer) Roger Niehaus (secretary) Jeff Cook (parliamentarian) and Gary Seals (sergeant-at-arms).

Mr. Davis commented, "Students that are really interested in the subject would have no trouble finding a job when they get out."

Working in the older vocational building opposite the refrigeration and air conditioning class were students in a radio and TV course, working under the same conditions.

These students were taught how to repair radios, TV's, and other home electronic equipment under the watchful eye of Mr. Jim Simpson who taught the class twice a day for a total of six hours. Later, they put their skills into building their own radios out of furnished parts and into diagnosing and correcting problems in TV's and other appliances.

A related organization that interested many of the students was the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA). Its officers were Cecil Robeson (president) Richard Wheelless (vice-president) Gary Baker (treasurer) Robert Howard (secretary) David Schwartz (parliamentarian) Reggie Hackman (sergeant-at-arms) and Gerald Jackson (reporter).

Asked if he thought the students had gotten experience, Mr. Simpson stated, "Oh, yes. They got a lot of practical experience and they probably learned more by doing that than by using a book all the time."

Just think, if it hadn't been for these and other dedicated people like them who were much involved in these same types of classes years ago, we probably would not be going to bed listening to our favorite radio stations or television programs today.





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1. Customers often bring in damaged TV sets, so Scott Robeson displays his unique talent by replacing one of the bad tubes.
2. While building his own radio from scratch, Gary Baker utilizes his skill in soldering.
3. With Thomas Petty looking on, Mr. Jim Simpson shows his superior talent by evaluating a problem.
4. Moving on to tighten another wire while building a radio, John Cortinez expresses deep concentration.
5. In preparation for coming contests, Johnny Tavera and Albert Garcia polish their skills while fixing a broken freezer.

Experiencing - Leadership

Ziping through the school year, one couldn't help but stop and wonder, "Who plans all these crazy things?" Of course, everyone knew that teachers sat around (after school) planning their next mass-test day, but who planned all those "extra-curricular" activities?

Through experience we all knew that if you wanted something done, and done right, you had to do it yourself, and that's exactly what students did. When it came time for an activity there were literally hundreds of students willing to do it, but organize? This was where some of the best training in high school came in, because as everyone knew, behind every little activity there had to be organization to pull it off successfully, and behind that organization there had to be a leader.

History has proven that leaders and leadership abilities always get ahead.

Remember Henry VIII?

In high school we found a tamer atmosphere where each one of us willing could experience leadership. As soon as anyone made his move and ran for an office or simply even joined a club, he demonstrated leadership qualities, and if he stayed with his new activity, he proved to himself an even greater inner victory. Yet some of us didn't believe this. Some of us believed that you had to be president of student council or cheerleader to be considered a school leader. What some of us didn't realize was that they were as active as they wished to be, and the president of whatever was president because he wished to be.

The moral of this story? In order to experience leadership we had to experience ourselves. We had to be willing to dare the unknown; we had to have the desire to simply experience. We had to put ourselves out on the stage and experience life!



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1. In order to get more acquainted with other student council members, sixty members sit down to a steak dinner served by the cafeteria ladies.
2. Expressing their ideas through student council participation, current officers are Karen Hahn (recording secretary), Theresa Hogg (treasurer), Howard Worthing (president), Glenda Baxter (vice-president), and Kim Jerige (corresponding secretary).
3. During the reception for the Winters' Exchangees, Kevin Hall, WHS student council president, and Howard Worthing enjoy the refreshments.
4. To become more acquainted with the council's planned activities Annalisa Martin and Gene McKenzie look over the school calendar.





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Ideas materialize into activity galore

Not do anything? Are you crazy? Student council did everything!

Starting before last year was over the current officers were chosen and set on the path of getting things organized. The five officers and their sponsor, Mr. Charles Perkins, attended a workshop at North West Texas State University.

After the school year had begun, representatives attended a get-together banquet here at school. Amazingly, everyone added new names and faces to their lists.

During the first of the regular meetings someone mentioned having a Rec. Nite. Students got involved in dancing, volleyball, basketball, numerous board games, and of course, standing around and visiting.

Then came the big event for the year—Sing Song! Student council sponsored it this year for the fifth time as it has always proved to be a great money-making project.

Activities settled back down again, and it was time to have a service project for the community. Thanksgiving baskets were distributed to various families in the city. During the Christmas season the student council followed through with another tradition, that of setting up the Christmas tree outside the principal's office.

Of course, the student council was also involved with bettering relationships with other schools. At every in-town football game a friendship gift was presented to the visiting school. During the Cooper game week they co-sponsored an Exchange Day with the Cooper student council. The council then decided to expand their circle and exchange with a smaller school. In the spring, thirty council members went to Winters High School and on another day thirty WHS students visited Abilene High.

To reassure the faculty that they were appreciated, the Executive Board served a faculty appreciation breakfast early in the morning of one of their work-days.

The council also supported attempts to return the district bell.

To wind up the year, next year's officers were elected and the cycle was put in motion once again.



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 was very busy this year. They kicked off
 with a presentation in Sing Song. In addition
 to the Sing Song presentation, NHS'ers spon-
 sored the traditional homecoming exes' tea.

Activities continued with spirit balloons at
 the Cooper game. Despite the blizzard, true-
 blue fans bought a few of the balloons.
 Fall induction was next on the agenda. The
 ceremony was held on the H-SU campus as
 53 new members were inducted.

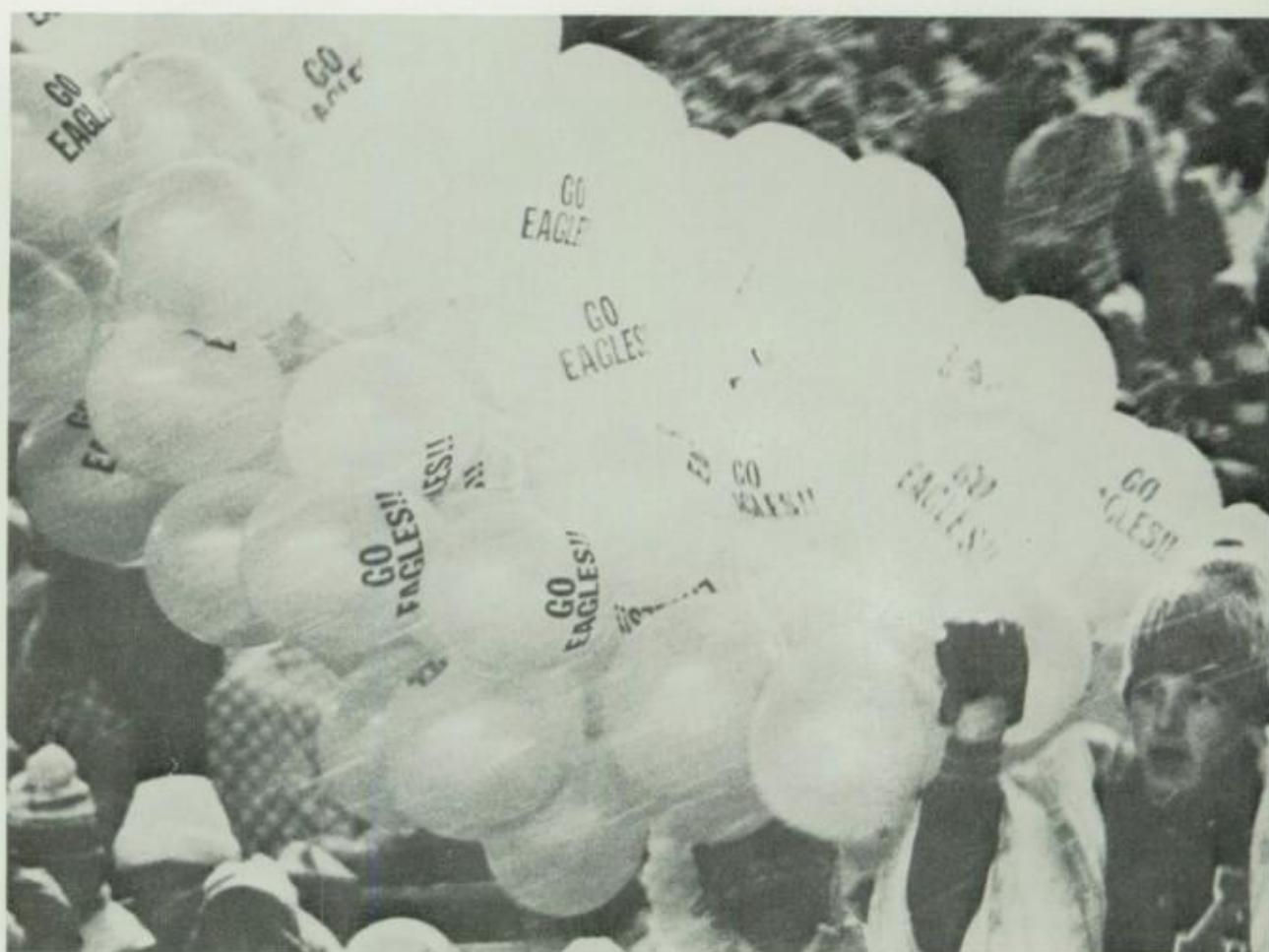
To simply relax, members threw a Hallo-
 ween costume party and a Christmas
 caroling party.

The single most ambitious project over the
 school year was the organization and con-
 duction of the Valentines' Post Office.

From sales to delivery, the VPO proved a
 most profitable project, both in experience
 and money.

The year wound out with the combination
 spring induction/end of the year party at
 Lake Cisco. New members were inducted
 after a day of swimming, skiing, and sailing.

New officers for the upcoming year were
 also announced at that time.



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Student leadership utters involvement

Improvement of the school through student leadership was the aim of all student oriented activities. Two special groups, Operation Mainstream and student leadership class, each contributed to the development of the students involved.

Although Operation Mainstream was a part of school, it was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and included students from each of the schools in Abilene and Wylie. The students learned about our city government, as well as other serving organizations throughout the community. They attended a trial and visited the state capitol in Austin.

A new perspective added to the curriculum were the student leadership classes. The students were taught to take a closer look at themselves and at their environment. Many of the discussions in class were about improvement on AHS. They also learned how to evaluate others.

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1. Demonstrating his ability to distinguish his lemon, which represents his character, Randal Wilson chooses from a group of lemons with the help of Carla Irvin in student leadership class.

2. To promote spirit at the Cooper game, NHS member Randal Wilson sells balloons during a snow storm.

3. **National Honor Society.** FRONT ROW: Darla Elam, Robby Chesser, Maureen Scanlon, Christi Sims, Gene McKenzie, Greg Amburn, Ron Vick. SECOND ROW: Paul Willis, Kim Cooper, Candy Parker, Tim Willis, Gayle Meyer, Paul McCord, Alan Boyd, Jana Miller, Kenny Merchant, Paul C. Gomez, Torey Deatherage, Steve Fulgham, Darla Bishop, Byron Roberts. BACK ROW: Jeff Woods, John Bordelon, Carol Holloway, Alan Hardwicke, Randal Wilson, Randy Owen, Sue Emanuel, Rhonda Bains, Bryan Grimes, Robert Grabowski, Robin Marsh, Theresa Hogg, Jeff Iorg, Theresa Price, Paula James. FOURTH ROW: Fred Hardwicke, Randall Preston, Mary Beth Mitchell, Terry McClean, Sandra Anderson, Lisa Curry, Caryl McGlothlin, Mark Love, Judy Kolly, Sharon Roland, Peggy Snow, Wayne Pritt, Rick Welch, Dana Mayhall, Steve Vertz, Pat O'Neil, George Elloit, Mike Nelson, Annalisa Martin, Lee Ann Sanders, Carla Irvin, Jeff Berryman.

4. Influencing others through NHS are their fearless officers, Alan Hardwicke (treasurer), Tim Willis (vice-president), Sue Emanuel (secretary), Gene McKenzie (president), and Theresa Hogg (historian).

5. Operation Mainstream takes a lot of planning as representatives Martha Pittman, Cara Sue Sitton, and Beverly Jones find as they plan their trip to Austin.

Work, drills create military excellence

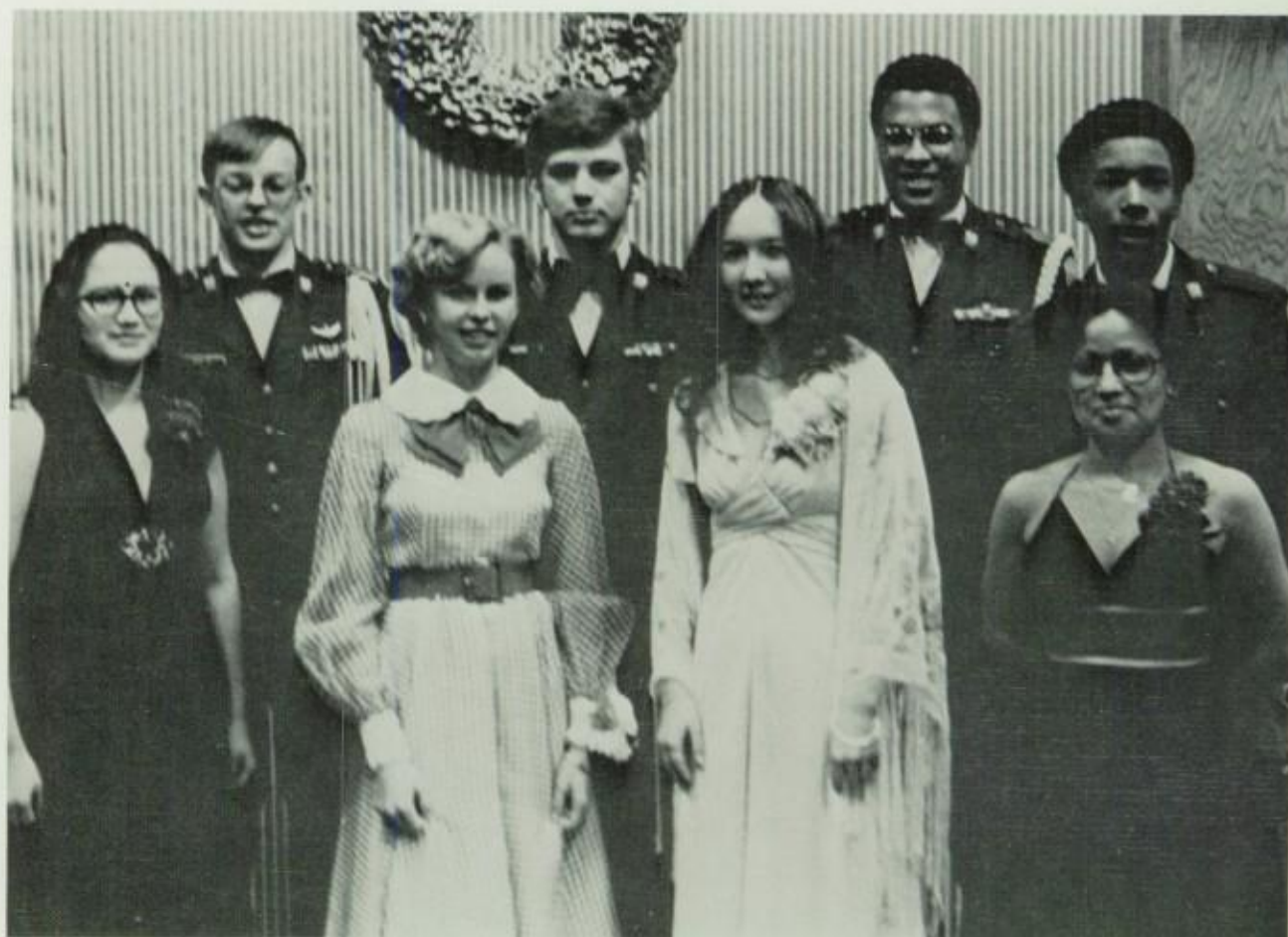
Developing leadership qualities was once again a main factor in the Texas 81st Air Force Junior ROTC program. Involving much more than marching and saluting, ROTC delved into the more sophisticated areas of aeronautics and aerospace education.

Because of interest in giving all students a fair chance at Corps Commander, Linda Cook, Tim Keeney and Ricky Pippens each served for a trimester.

During the year ROTC raised one thousand dollars for the Rehab and multiple sclerosis through car washes and other fund raising activities. Of

course, they held the traditional Military Ball, along with having many field trips, including one to Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Throughout the year, ROTC held its standards high while they enjoyed serving the community as well as expanding themselves.





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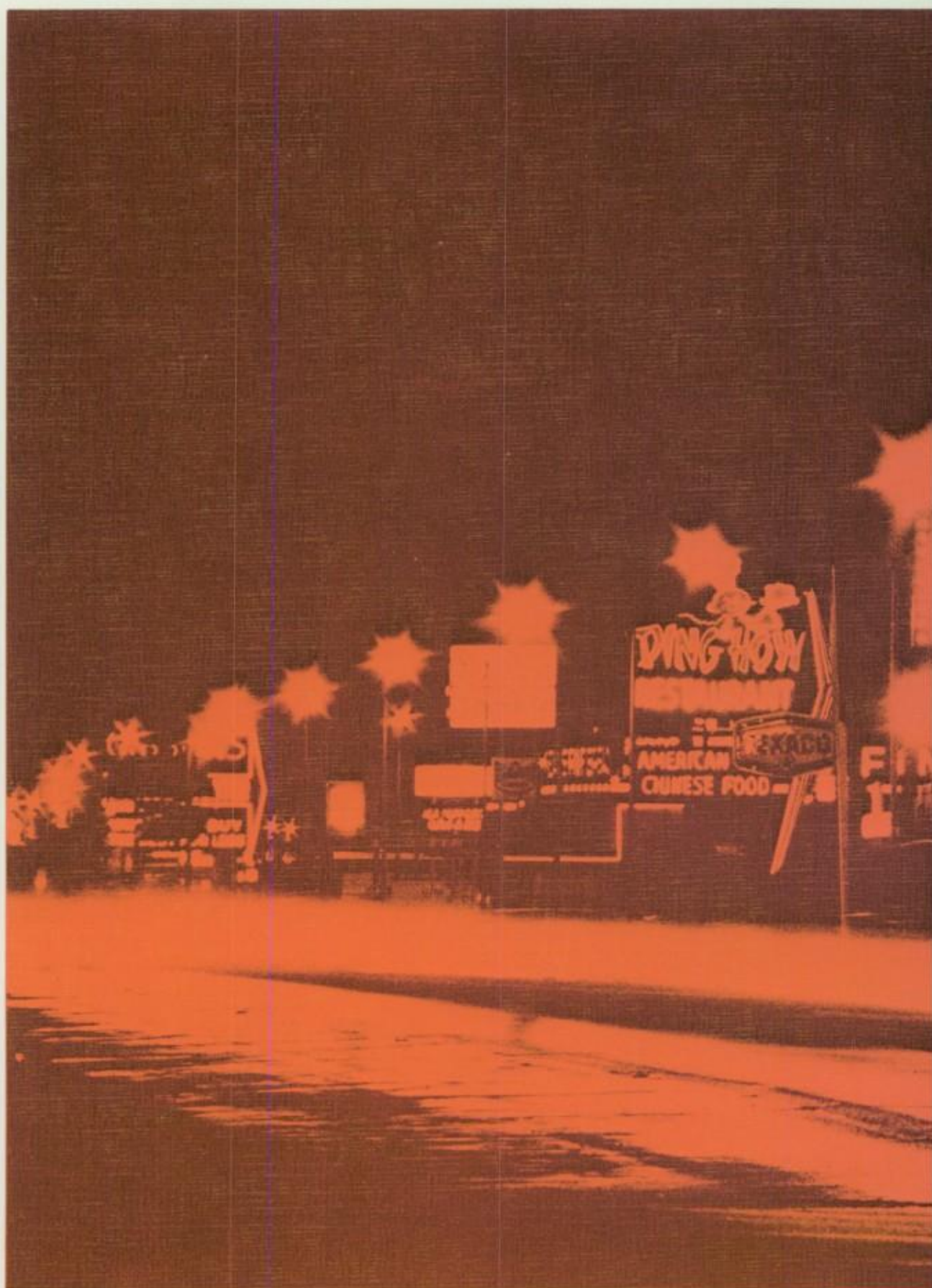
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1. At the Military Ball, competitors for Mr. and Ms. Texas 81st are April Roman, Scott Marlbor, Linda Maddox, Andy Carter, Linda Cook, John Bellentine, Delia Gonzales, and Don Earl Jones.
2. During Pass and Review, the front body of the company marches by.
3. Bringing up the rear, another part of Junior ROTC go by at Pass and Review.
4. Standing at attention, the junior officers salute for the senior officers at Pass and Review.
5. Saluting is a definite art, as John Bellentine demonstrates.

1. The night lights of Abilene's businesses form an upward line to match the rapid growth curve in Abilene the past few years.
2. Newspaper ads tantalize the pocketbook with promises of incredible bargains.
3. Studying his work, flower display, Doug Diener thinks over possible arrangements.
4. The check, a symbol of a world where paper is cash, floats our money in and out of banks unseen.



Are you fitting

As any AHS student had to realize, "real life" lurked and lapped at the edges of Abilene High. At various times throughout the day, students were pushed out of the cozy nest of school to fend for themselves . . . out "there." As in any great undertaking, preparation was essential.

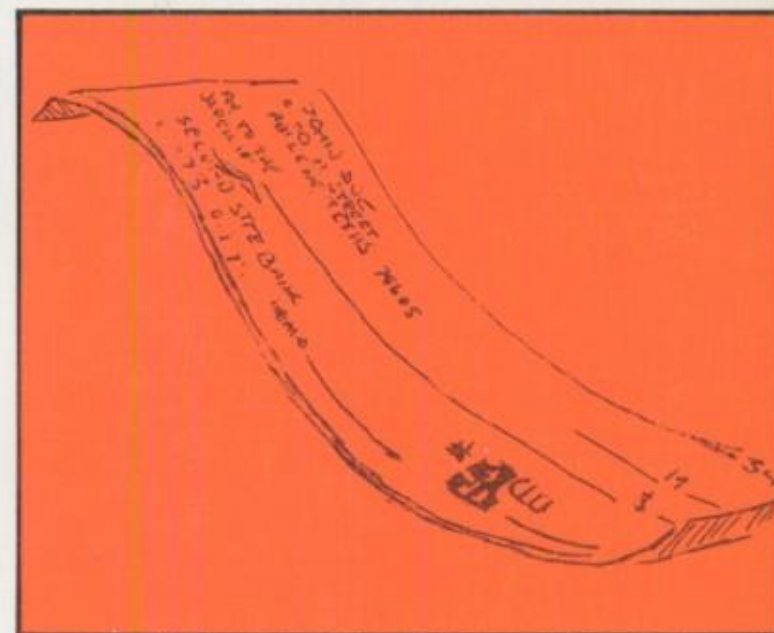
For many, the mysteries of balancing budgets, finding good buys, even calculating sales taxes were unlocked in courses such as economics or bookkeeping. For others, classes such as HFL and VOE offered trial runs of inevitable experiences.

Part-time jobs offered students the double bonus of practical preparation plus tangible results.

Finally, there were those who termed success as simply completing a Saturday afternoon shopping spree. Whatever the means, AHS students were fitting snugly into the workings of the "real world" and its many supportive businesses.

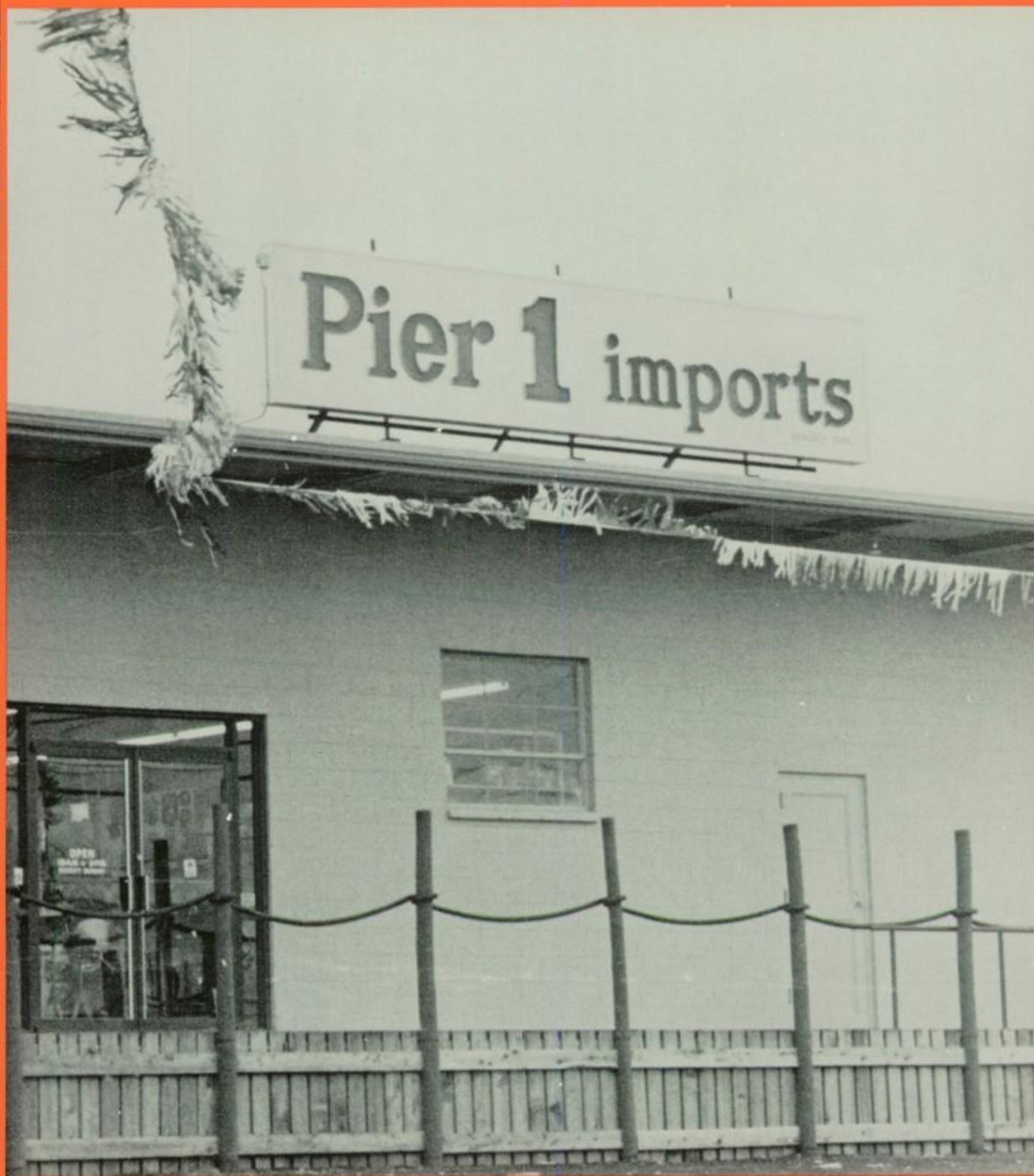
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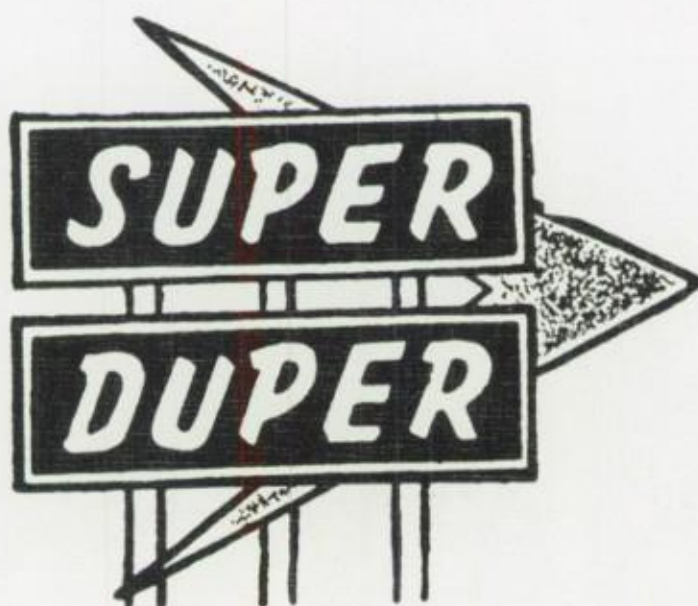
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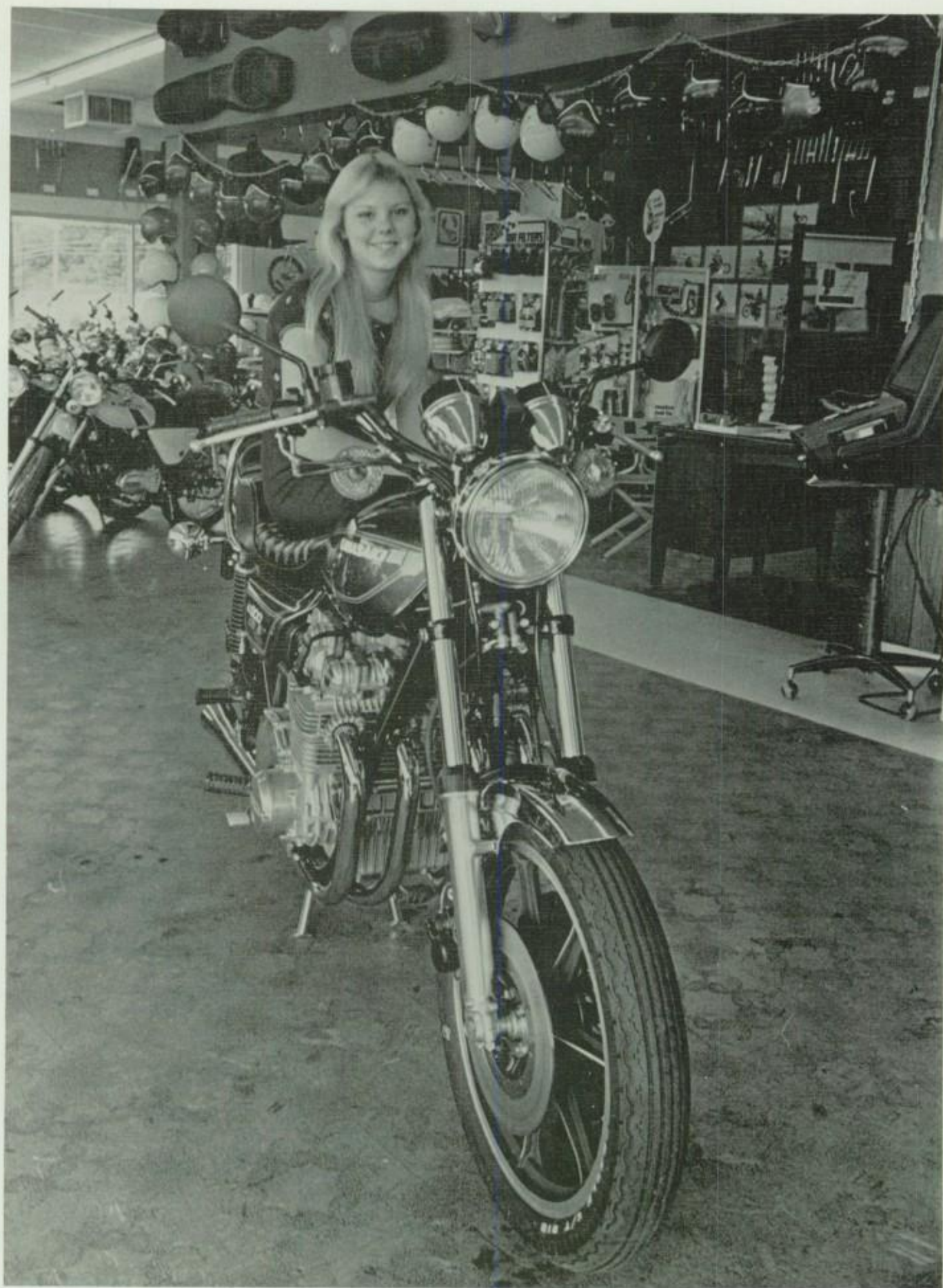
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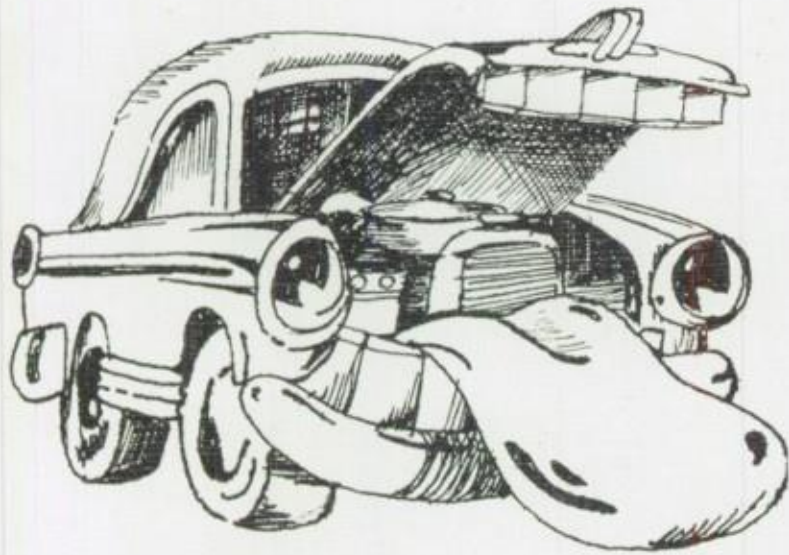


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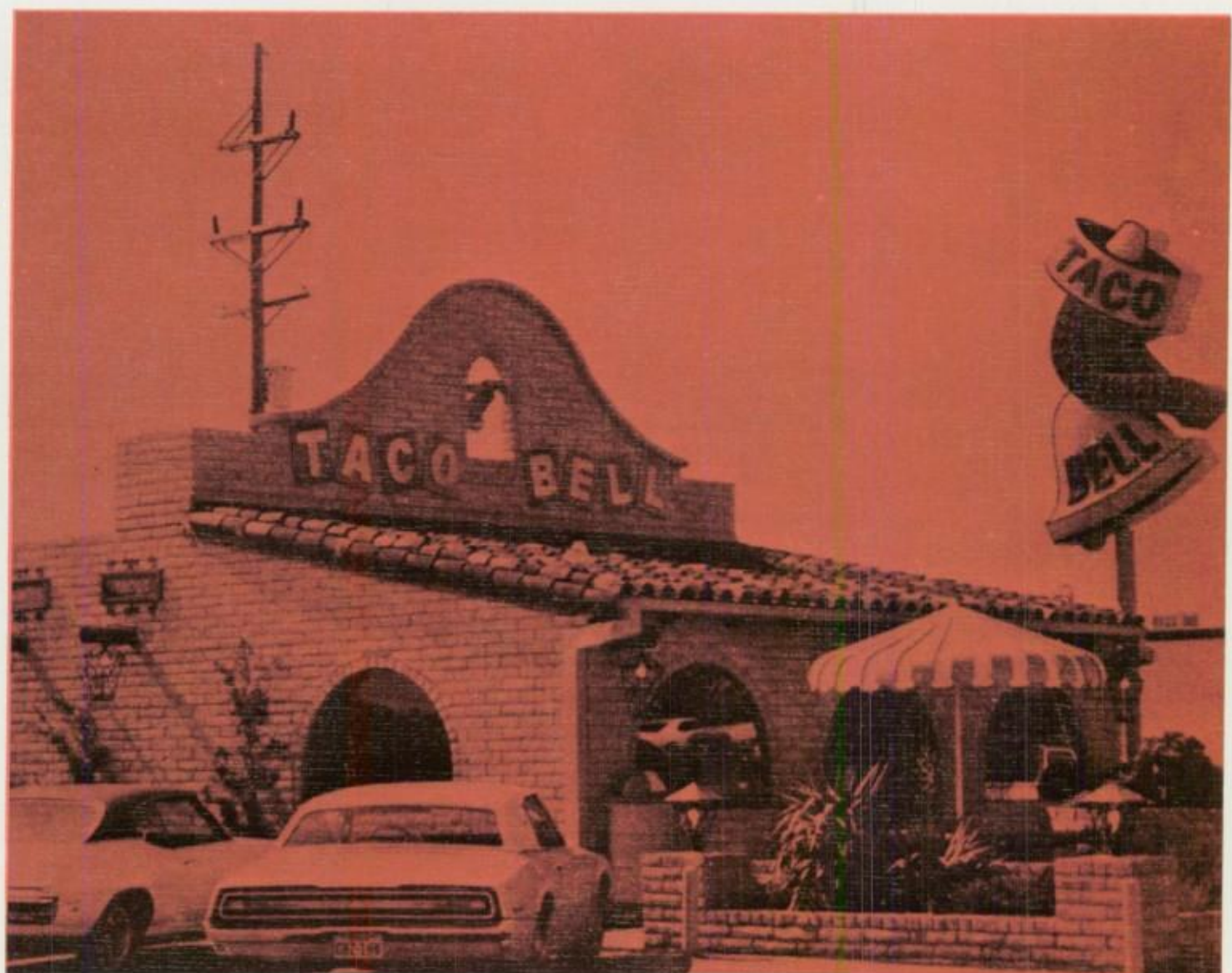


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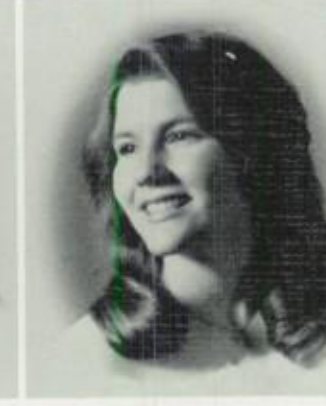
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1. An aspiring fashion model, Nyla Rideout, models a chic night gown for the other girls in *Ultimus*.
 2. Seeking to discover the contents of the blanket containing Carla Swindle and Susie Wood are Teresa Yacano, Jana Miller and Tammy Winsett.
 3. Proving that anyone can be tall are Nyla Rideout, Kathy Scannell, Sheryl Yacono, Mikea Newman and Vicki Lamb.



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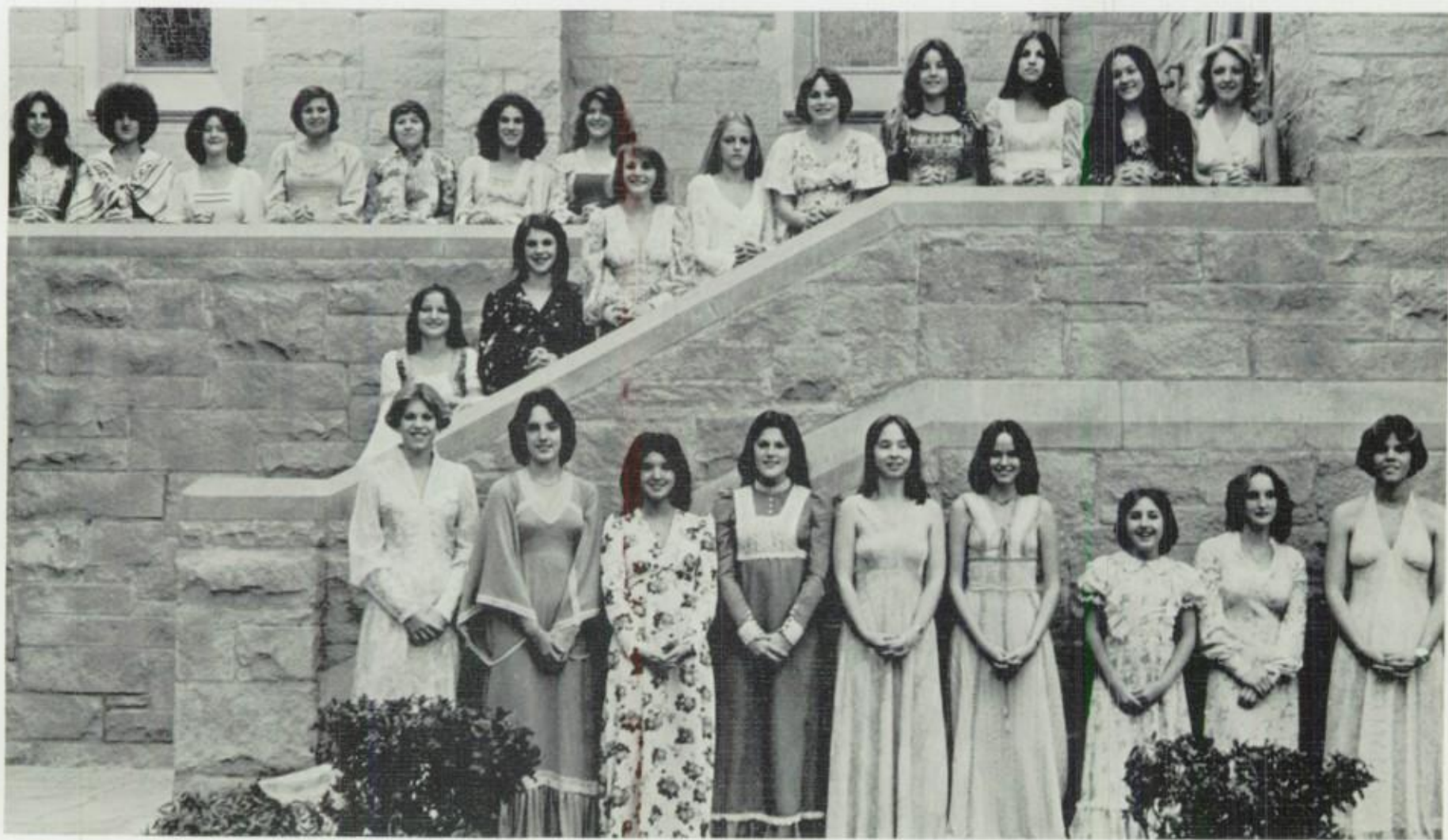
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1. The darker side of the Chili Supper, as Steve Fenner knows, is the clean-up.

2. **Key Club.** FRONT ROW: Jeff Iorg (president), Robert Grabowski (secretary), Greg Amburn (treasurer), Eddie Weaver, Steve Scales. SECOND ROW: Brian Cargile, Ron Vick, Mr. Bill Yarbrough (sponsor), Robert Loza, Bill Scanlon, Mark Powell, James Lewey. BACK ROW: David Vaughn, Fred Hardewick, Dwayne Ballou, and Charles Grabowski. ABSENT: Gene McKenzie, Randy Owen, Steve Fenner, Bill Dawley, Bret Cullers, Bryan Grimes, Kee Gee.

3. At the annual Chili Supper sponsored by Key Club, members Bill Scanlon and Dwayne Ballou enjoy their meal.



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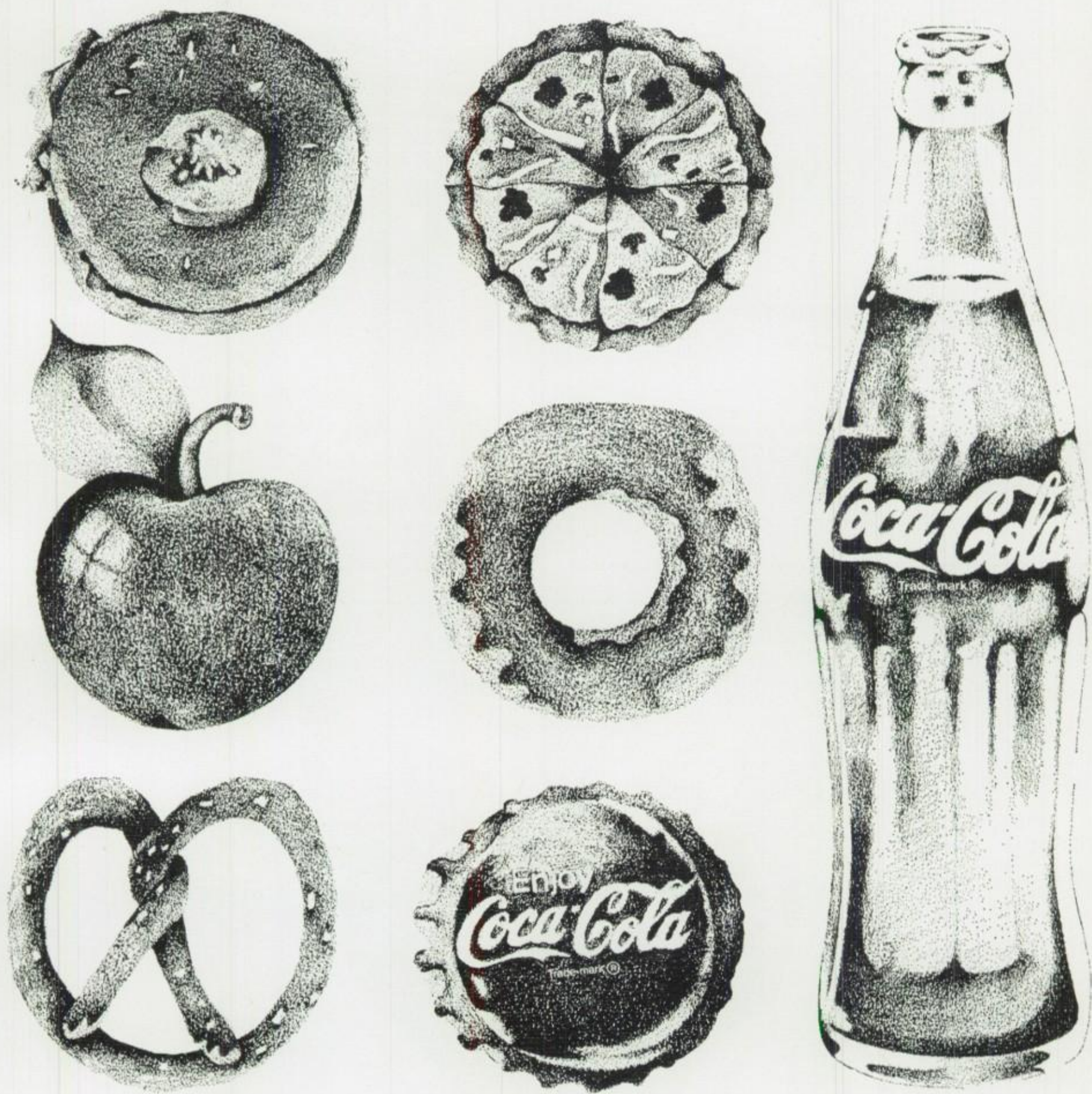


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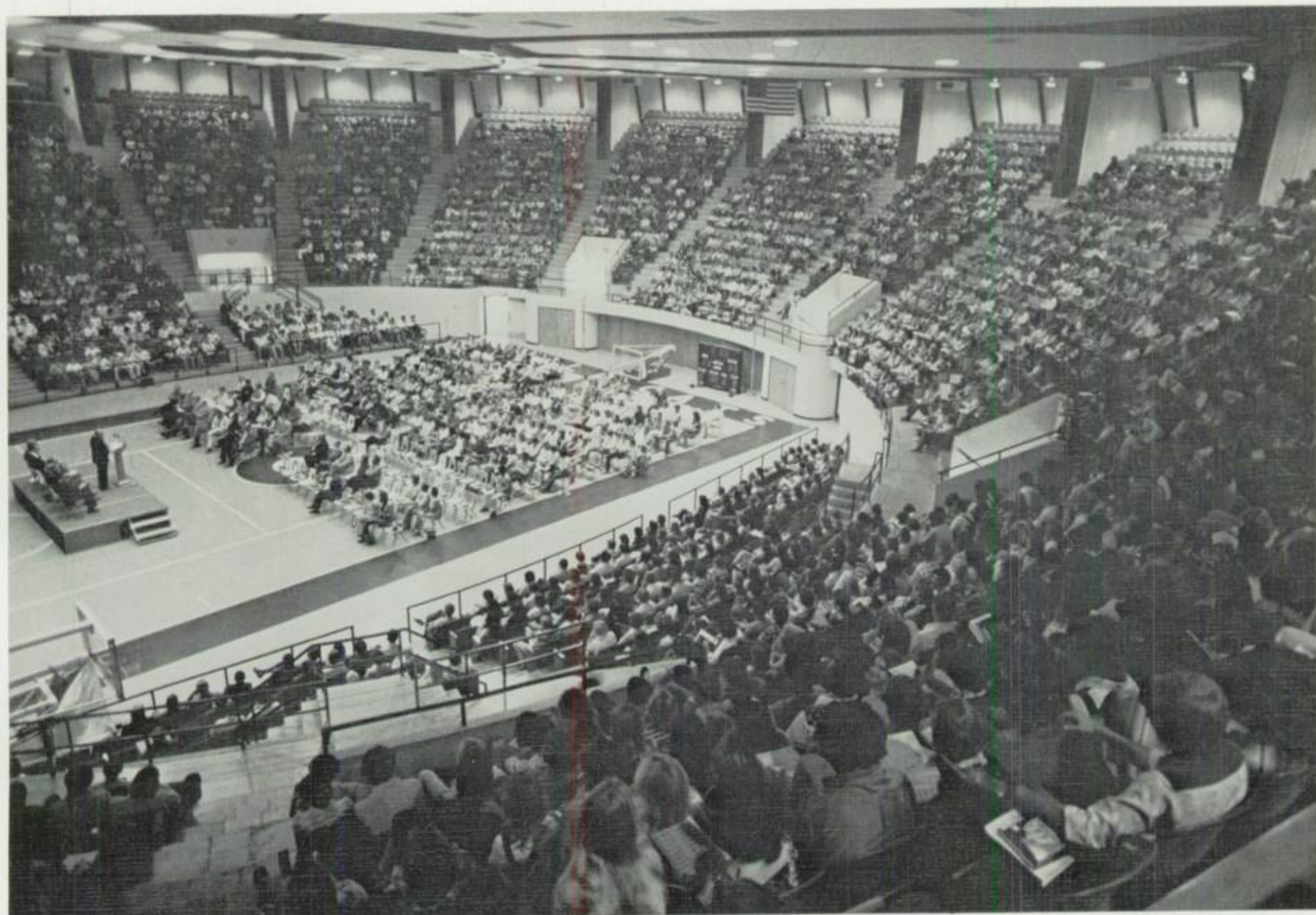
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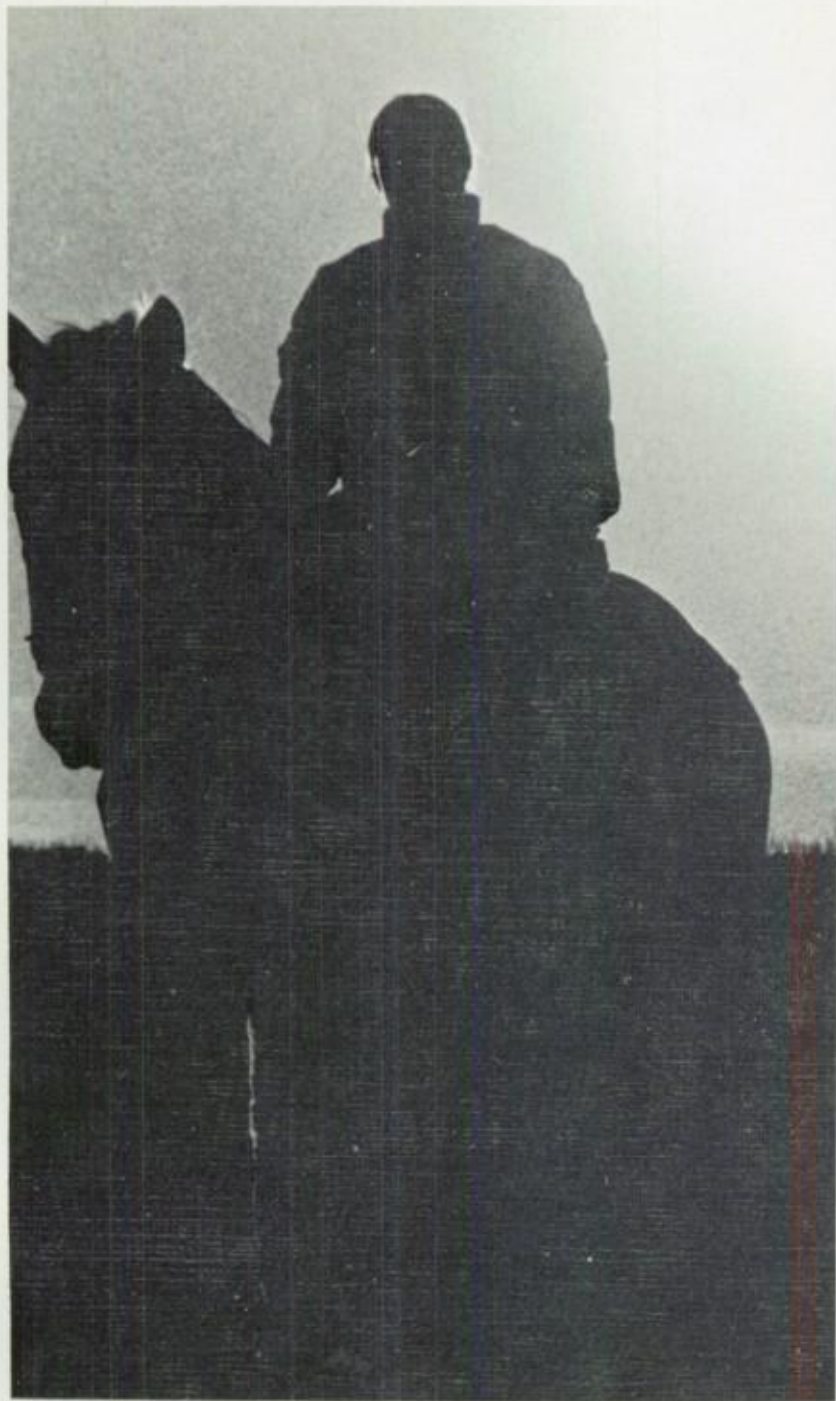
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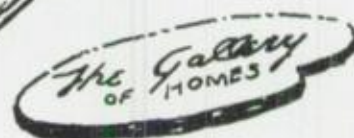
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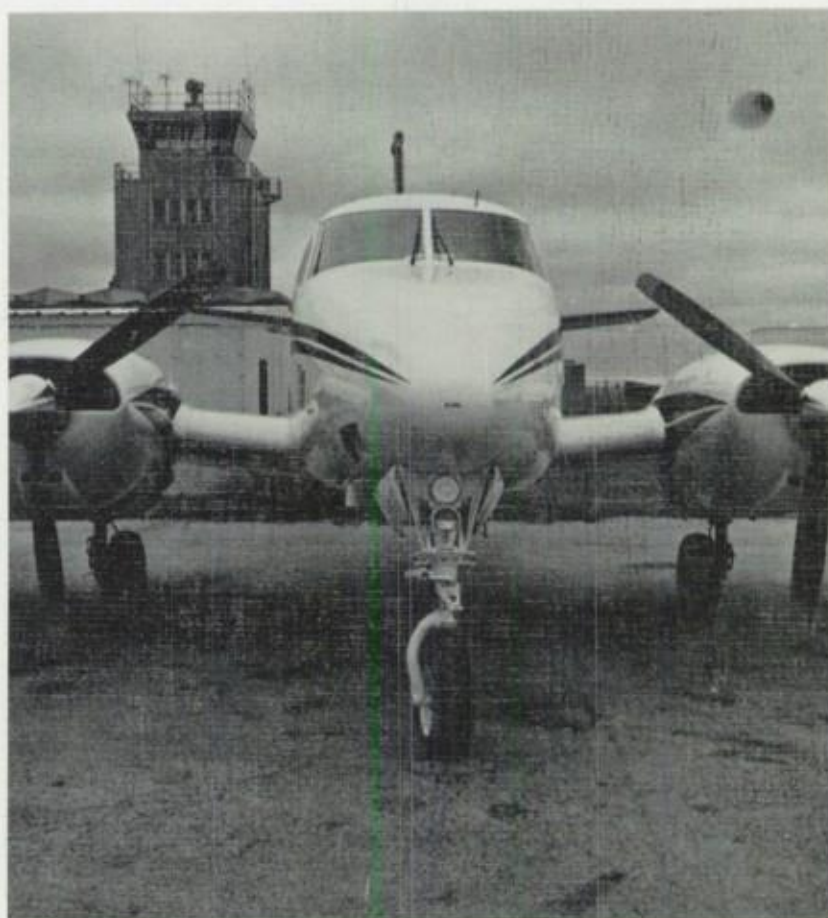
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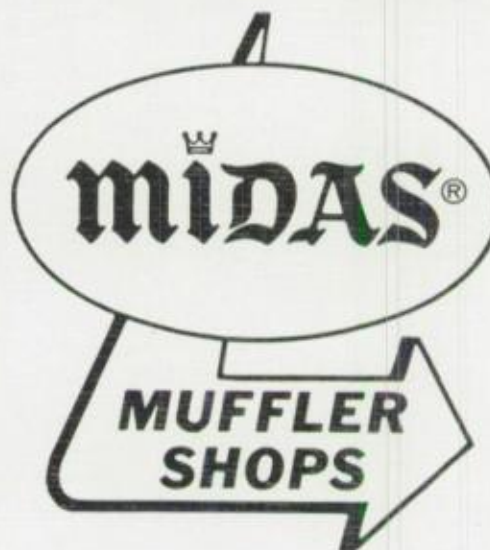
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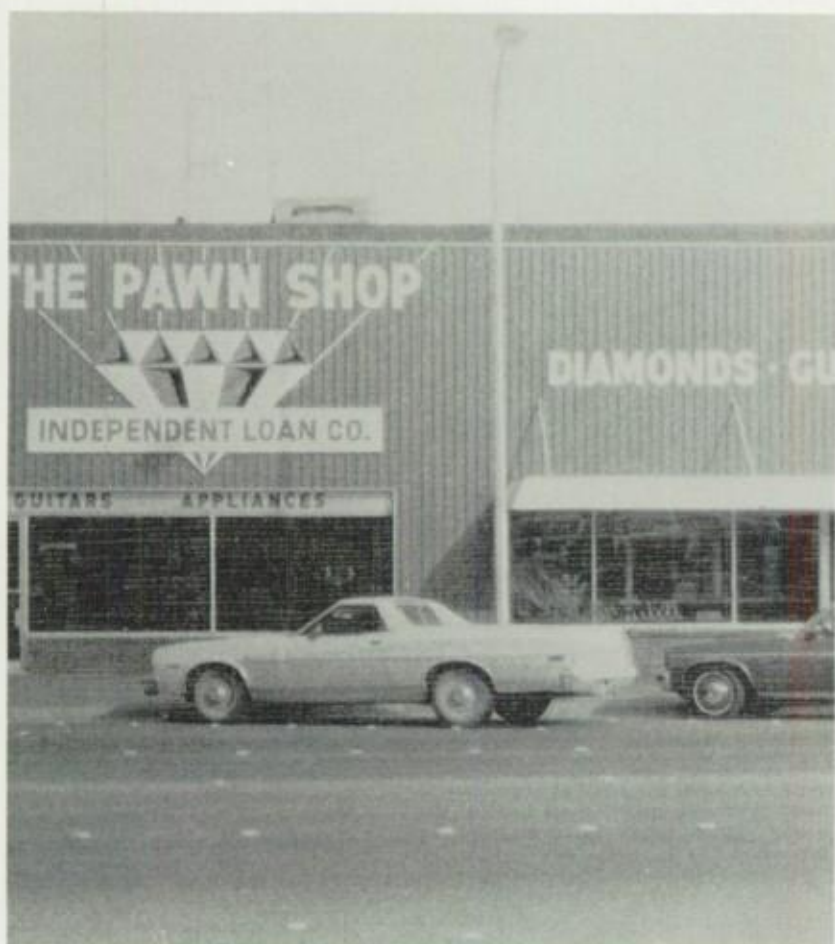
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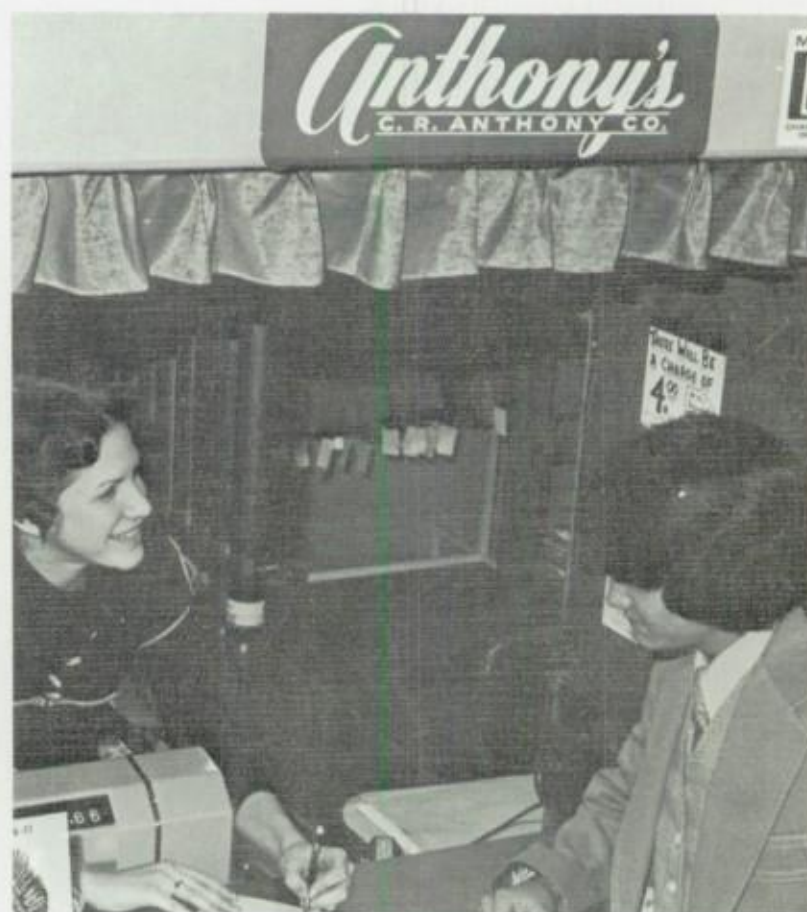
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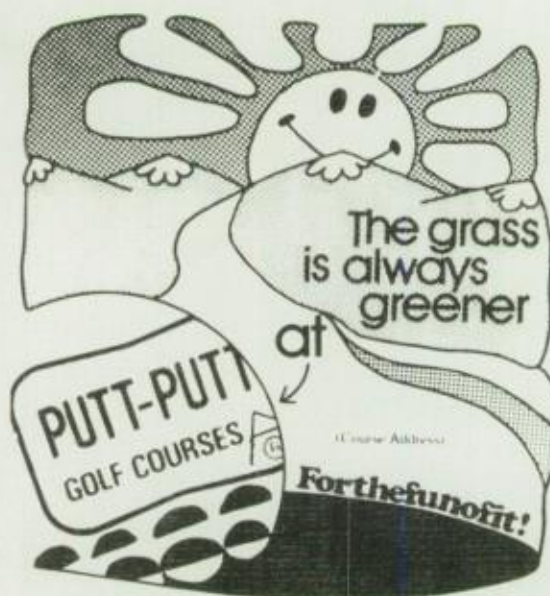
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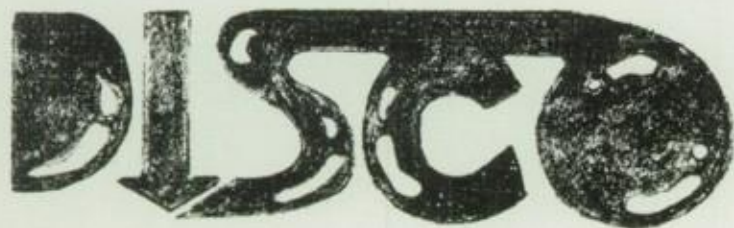
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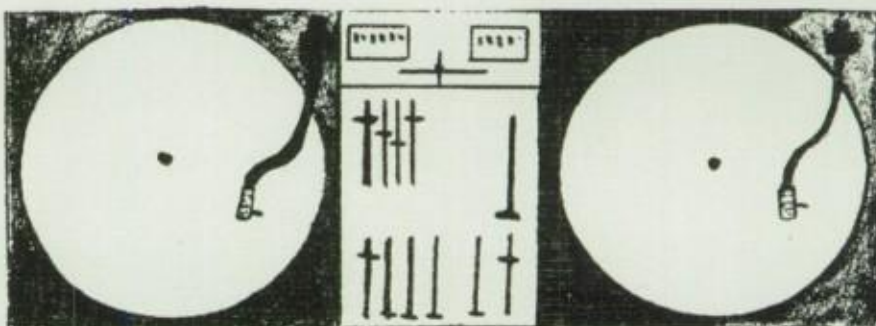
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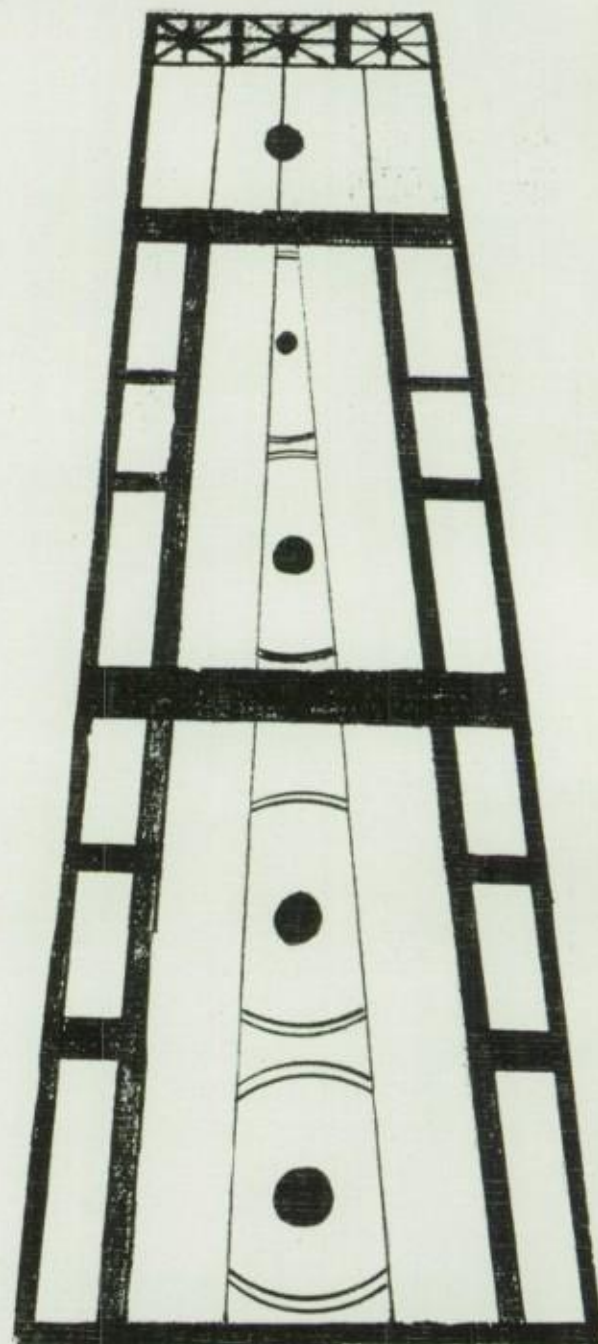
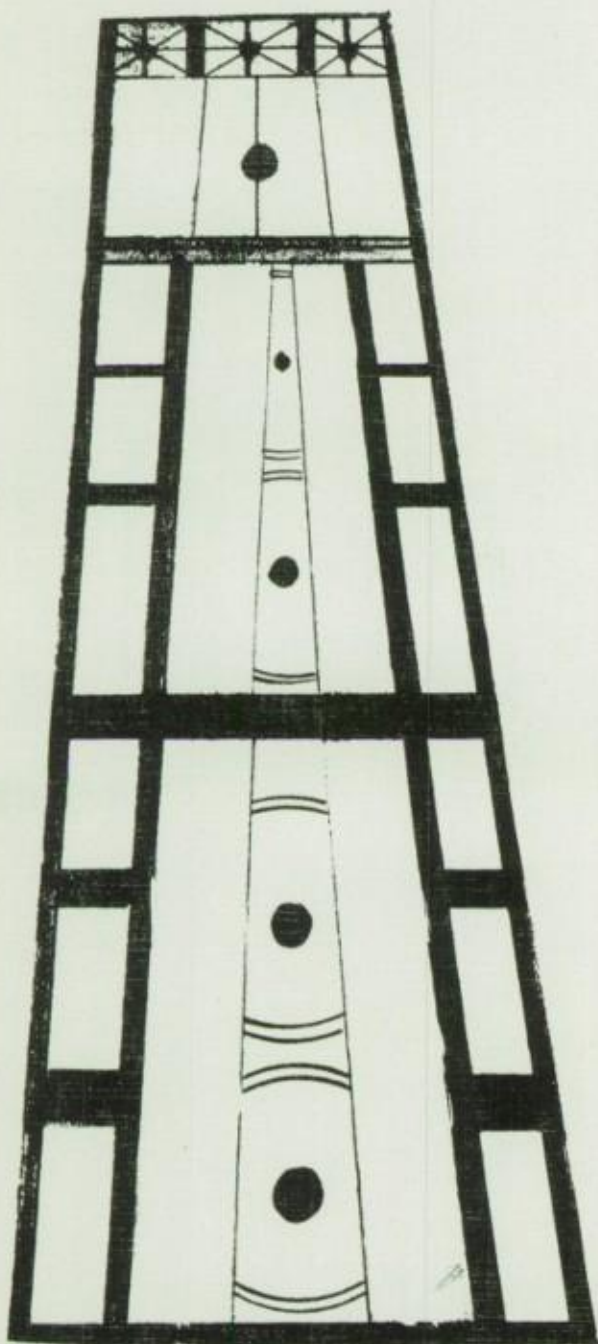
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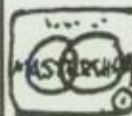
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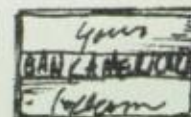


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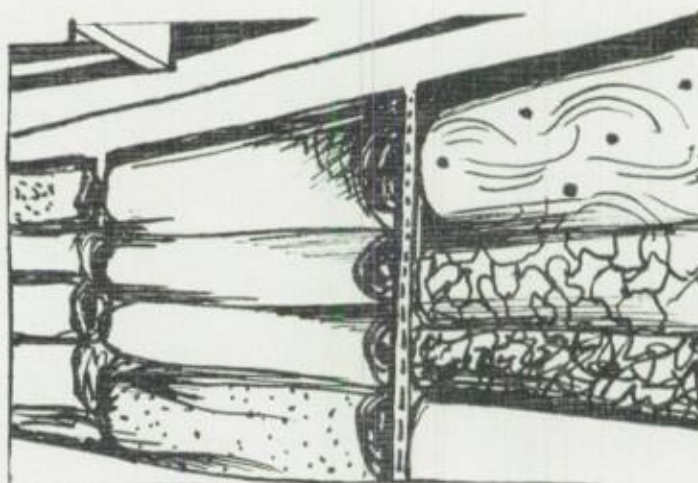
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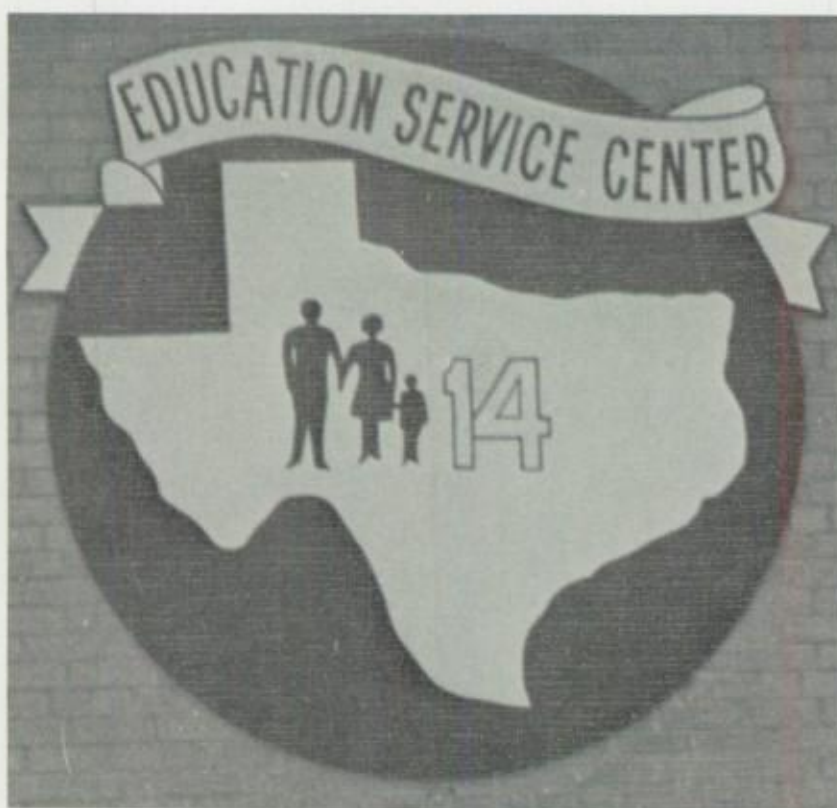
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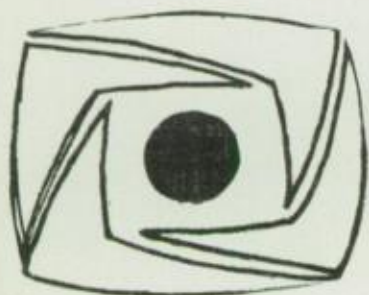
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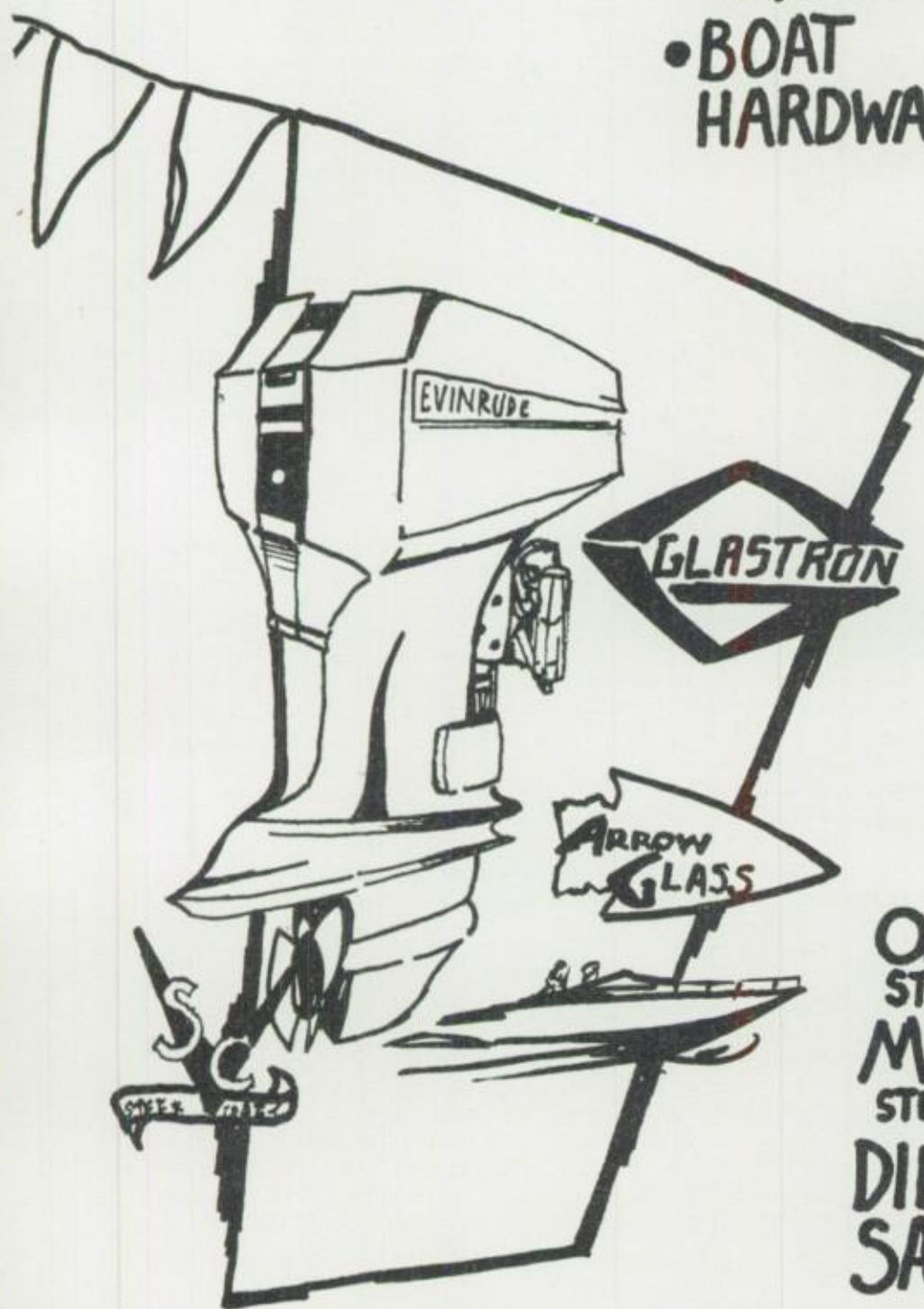
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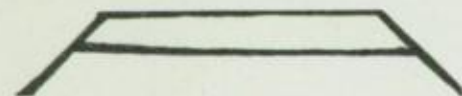
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DE—Distributive Education
DECA—Distributive Education Clubs of America
FCA—Fellowship of Christian Athletes
FFA—Future Farmers of America
FTA—Future Teachers of America

GWFK—General Woodworking
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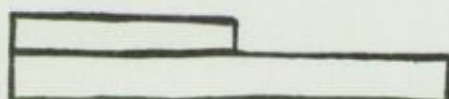
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ROTC—Reserve Officer Training Corps
TAHOS—Texas Association of Health Occupation Students
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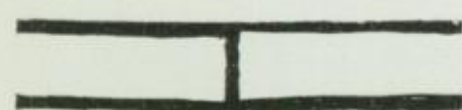
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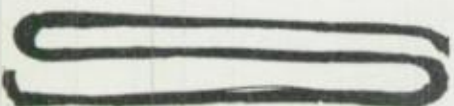
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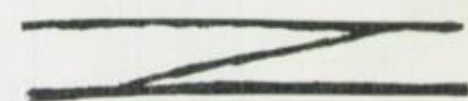
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Spirited debates, controversy, full-year yearbook, full-year schedule, full-year work. Copy blocks, grease pencils, dark room duty, bent-branch award. DEADLINE.

These were the vocabulary terms, the plot outline, and the character development of the yearbook story—these, and much more that could not be snapped in a picture, detailed in a copy block, or described in a cutline.

But, nevertheless, it was your story we told, . . . your world we coloured.

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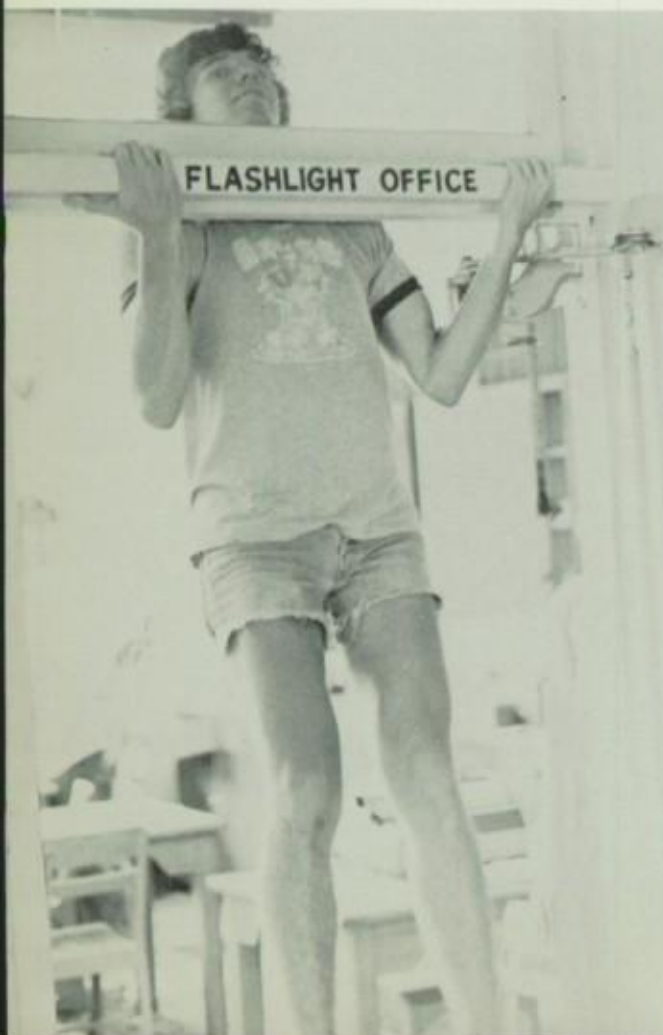
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1. Despite valiant efforts to remain totally out of the picture, Mrs. Brenda Wilkins, substitute sitter, is finally photographed with the aid of co-editors Sue Emanuel, Gayle Meyer, Terry Townsend, and a piece of rope.
2. The logo of eagle wing and sun adorns FLASHLIGHT staffer's t-shirts.
3. Although she claimed the yearbook to be her baby, Mrs. Cindy Deegan, adviser, nevertheless left in due time to have her real baby.
4. Presenting the idea of being "bullish" on our yearbook is staff photographer Bryan Bradford.
5. Just hanging around between deadlines is photographer Michael McAuliffe.
6. Desperately trying to ignore the photographer is Kim Jerige in the classic pose of the posed picture.
7. Preparing to leave the scene of the crime is the FLASHLIGHT Staff. FRONT ROW: Ed Daniels, Debbie Purvis, Patti Morris, Greg Etter. SITTING: Mona Ashford, Dougy Diener, Martha Pittman, Tammi Williams, Vickie Cooper, Key Gee, Sue Emanuel, Bryan Bradford, Gayle Meyer, Terry Townsend. BACK ROW: Bill Scanlon, Randy Story, David Ross. STANDING: Penny White, Jeff Hatcher, Kim Jerige, Byron Roberts.



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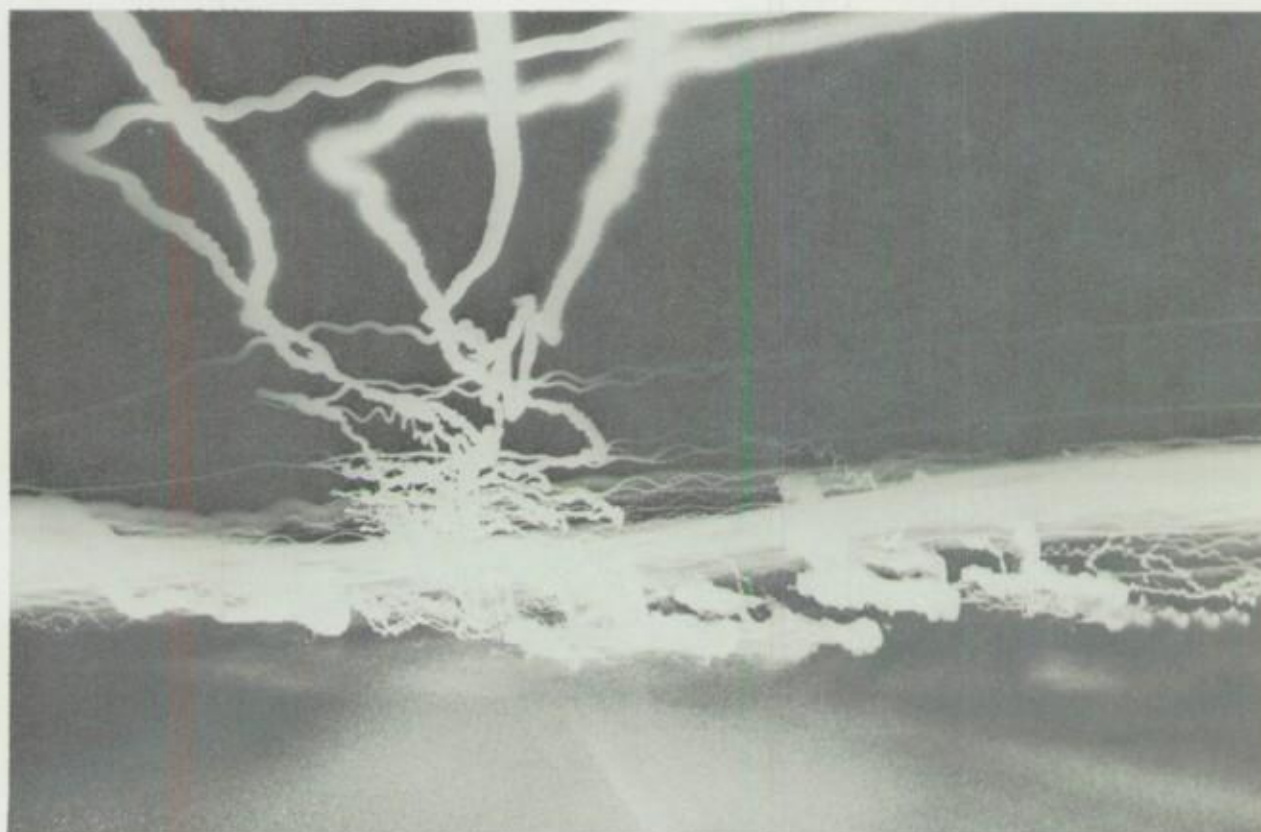


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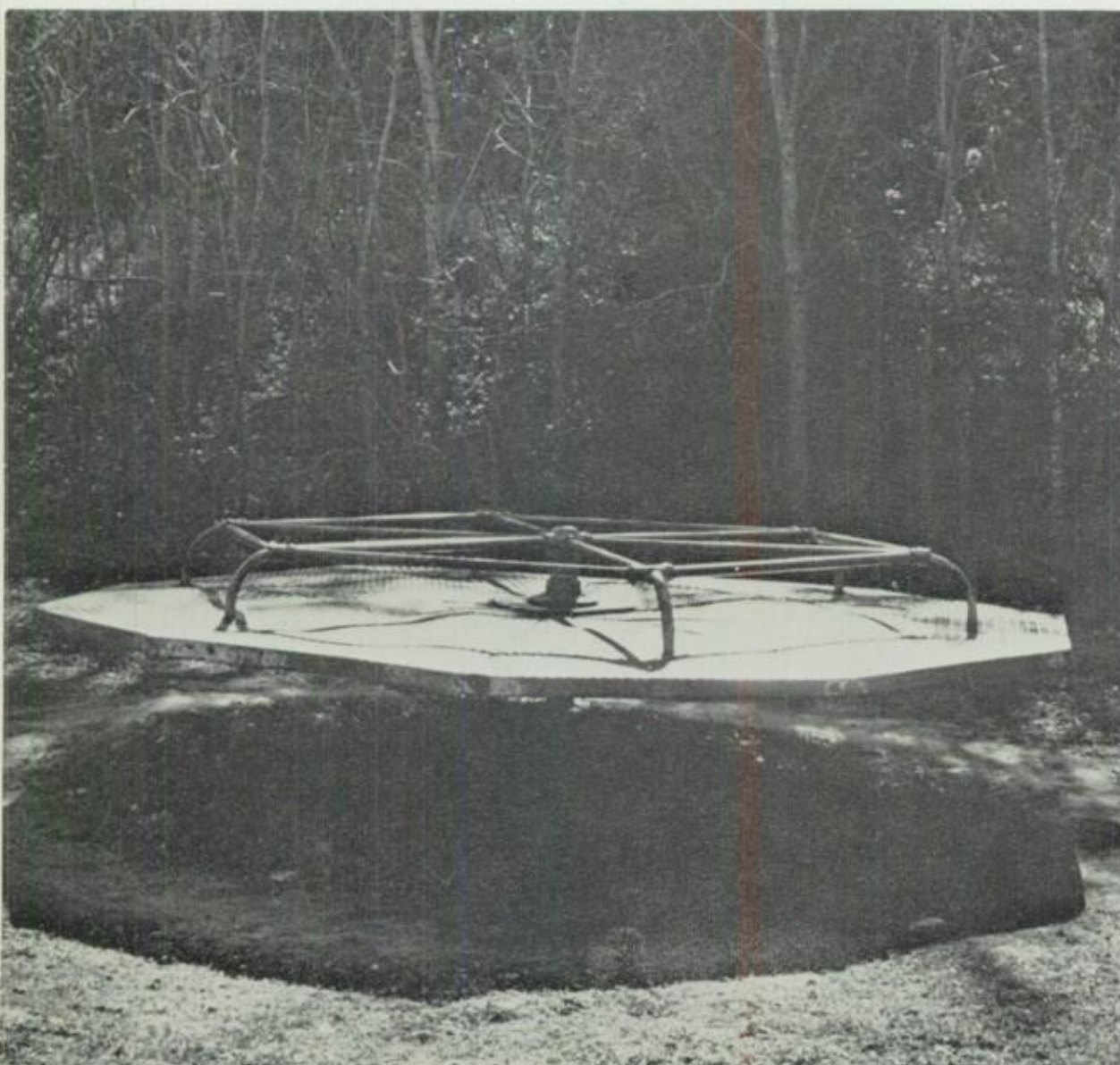
1. Sometimes it takes the eyes of another to bring ones' self into focus.
2. A field of Indian Paint Brushes are God's beautiful artists of spring.
3. While classes come and go, Kitty remains an AHS tradition.
4. Two views of Abilene High, still the same on the outside as when first built, but ever-changing on the inside.
5. A blur of lights, caught in their endless, timeless motion, as seen from the N. 6th side of Abilene High.
6. Expressing themselves in a sure to be noticed manner are Lisa Todd and Jane Barns.
7. A look at Russel Mitchell now and as he may look in several years.
8. A childless merry-go-round stands as a witness to the passing of childhood and coming of maturity.



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Change-fuel of maturity

Change came to all things; it was merely the manner of the change that distinguished differences.

The turn of the seasons was the signal of more than a change of scenery. The brown of the leaves echoed the somber air of autumn moods, and as surely as the bright greens of spring came, the darkness faded.

And as the seasons circled and entwined within our lives as children, those children grew out of the cocoon of youth and into the vast expanse of awareness. News stepped out of the paper and into our thoughts where it became opinions spurted at every chance and debated with every opposer.

So it was that those changes upon changes formed the essence of maturity, and with maturity came a sense of purpose, a realization of goals and dreams, fuel for future ordeals, and triumphs.

'We do not remember days, we remember moments'

Cesare Pavese

A sophomore's first pep rally, a senior's last. On stage in Sing Song. Being called in by Mr. Lomax. Falling into the ditch dug for the sewer pipes.

"You have been accepted . . ."

From beginning to end, the school year was a massive collage of tiny moments which stood alone in their beauty, memorability, and simplicity.

The spark of understanding a new concept, the flash of recognizing a new beauty, or the quiet joy of finding an old friend once again.

Moments when we paused to cry or laugh—or simply to sigh—moments we understood the need to carry on.



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1. Raising spirit is in Don Earl Jones' bone. 2. A Dyess B-52 pays homage to the West Texas sun. 3. The redbud provides a pink promise of spring. 4. Tennis ace Ky Cauble takes one shot at a time.



*"Do you care what's happening around you?
Do your senses know the changes when they come?
Can you see yourself reflected in the seasons?
Can you understand the need to carry on?"**



